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ABSTRACT

This annotated bibliography lists 183 books dealing with adult literacy under 10 main categories: life skills; biographies; nonfiction; fiction; work identification workbooks; comprehension workbooks; skill development series; spelling workbooks; vocabulary workbooks; writing workbooks; and video programs. The categories are further subdivided into up to six areas so that more specific information may be located. The life skills category is subdivided into personal development, employment, functional skills, health, legislation, and consumer issues. The nonfiction and fiction categories are each divided into stage II and stage III. Each annotation provides the following information: title, publisher, distributor, date, readability level, cost, and content summary. A listing of publishers' addresses appears at the end of the bibliography. An alphabetical title list and glossary are provided. (YLB)

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RESOURCES**

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...Initiation of learning rests not upon the teaching skills of the leader, not upon his scholarly knowledge of the field, not upon his curricular planning, not upon his use of audiovisual aids, not upon the programmed learning he utilizes, not upon his lectures and presentations, not upon an abundance of books, though each of these might at one time or another be utilized as an important resource. No, the facilitation of learning rests upon certain attitudinal qualities which exist in the PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP between the Facilitator and the Learner.

Carl Rogers (1969)

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HOW TO USE THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY

The books that have been reviewed in this bibliography fall under ten main categories:

Life Skills
Biographies
Non-Fiction
Fiction
Word Identification Workbooks
Comprehension Workbooks
Skill Development Series
Spelling Workbooks
Vocabulary Workbooks
Writing Workbooks
Video Programs

These categories are further subdivided so that you may locate more specific information (see Table of Contents). There is also an alphabetical title index at the back of the book.

In this edition, you will find 40 new annotations and they have been highlighted by this symbol.



You may notice that some of the annotations that appeared in the first edition do not appear in the second edition. This is because these books are out of print.

Each annotation provides the following information: title, publisher, distributor, date, cost and readability level. It is important to note that the readability levels were designated by the author of this bibliography, and not by the publisher of the book. Publishers sometimes provide an inaccurate readability level.

A listing of publishers' addresses appears at the end of this bibliography.

CRITERIA

The approach taken in this bibliography is informational rather than formal and any opinions expressed are those of the author. The following questions provided a framework for evaluating the material:

- * Does the author respect the reader?
- * What is the readability level?
- * Is the language suitable for adult students?
- * Is the topic suitable for adult students?
- * Are ideas clearly explained?
- * Is the information accurate and up-to-date?
- * Is the material organized in a logical sequence?
- * Does the book have an adult-like appearance?
- * Is the print large enough to be easily read?
- * What style of type is used?
- * Will the amount of text on the page overwhelm the adult reader?
- * Are the illustrations appropriate for use with adults?
- * Do the illustrations correspond with the text?
- * What kind of exercises are provided?
- * Do the exercises reflect current knowledge about the reading process?
- * Are the workbooks and reading programs based on the interactive reading process model of reading (rather than the skill based model)?
- * Are exercises presented in context or in isolation?
- * Is the content Canadian?

ORDERING INFORMATION

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LIFE SKILLS

There is a plethora of books on the market which address life skills. The general topics covered can be categorized into personal development, employment, functional skills, health, legislation, and consumer issues. Numerous publishers have found an interested audience for books which address functional skills. Functional skills usually include filling out forms, reading signs and labels, how to use the newspaper, how to read a map etc. Caution should be exercised in stocking your shelves with the books categorized under 'functional' skills as all of these books are similar in nature. It would be more meaningful for tutors and students to bring real materials such as 'real' T.V. guides, telephone books, forms from work, maps of the city, etc. to their lessons.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Value of Self-Esteem: (Creative Education - Distributed by Saunders Book Company), no date.

Reading Level: 6-7

Cost: \$15.65 per title. Complete series of 12 costs \$187.80.

This is a series of 12 books which offer ways for students to raise their own expectations, deal with new situations, solve problems, and begin approaching life with a positive attitude. The series is intended for teenagers, yet the language is suitable for use with adults. Although the books are rife with cliches and generalizations, the series has been popular with students who want to read 'motivational books'. The books are 48 pages in length and are available in hard cover only. The individual titles are:

The Secret of the Slight Edge
Unlocking your Creative Gifts
Unlocking your Potential
You Can Be Your Own Best Friend
More Good Time for You
Talk Like an Eagle
Dare to be Different
The Secrets of Goal Setting
How to Beat the Jitters
Mistakes are Great
Just Keep on Keepin' On
There Will Never Be Another You

LIFE SKILLS

EMPLOYMENT

The Easy to Read Career Planning Guide: (Alberta Career Development and Employment - Distributed by Learning Resources Distributing Centre), 1986.

Reading Level: 3-4

Cost: Free government publication for Alberta, Yukon and N.W.T. residents. \$4.00 per copy for people residing outside of Alberta.

This book is for students who wish to change careers and for those who wish to choose a line of work. It involves students in a process whereby they match their interests and abilities to a job. This book also outlines the steps in gaining employment such as reading the want ads, filling out applications, and writing a resume. This is a helpful book for those who want an informal approach to career planning. Students in Alberta who want professional assistance should contact Alberta Career Development and Employment.

Follett Coping Skills Series: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall), 1978.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$6.30 per title.

\$2.40 per teacher's guide. (Every title is accompanied by a teacher's guide.)

This is a suitable series of 3 books for students who wish to re-enter the workforce. Lessons could incorporate innovative teaching methods such as role-playing for job interviews. Although the series is dated (1978), the information is still pertinent. The individual titles are:

Finding Work
Job Interviews
Keeping a Job

LIFE SKILLS

Job Seekers Handbook: (Alberta Career Development and Employment - Distributed by Learning Resources Distributing Centre), 1986.

Reading Level: 7-8

Cost: Free government publication for Alberta, Yukon and N.W.T. residents. \$3.00 per copy for people residing outside of Alberta.

This 70 page government publication contains valuable information for people who wish to re-enter the workforce. The sentence structure is quite complex, and the vocabulary is at a high level, so the book is not recommended for beginning readers.

Making Choices: Women in Non-Traditional Jobs: (Seacraft Publications), 1987.

Reading Level: 8

Cost: \$20.95

This paperback celebrates the increase in female participation in non-traditional careers. The book features women who are mechanics, firefighters, ambulance attendants, transit drivers and airline pilots. The authors interviewed 22 women, who work in professional, skilled, and semi-skilled careers. The women were interviewed about "their background, how they got interested in the careers, what qualities and qualifications they thought were important - educational, experiential and personal." Full page black and white photographs depicting women at work accompany each story. The book does not contain a Table of Contents as the pages are not numbered.



LIFE SKILLS

Off-Shore Oil Rig Workers: (Crestwood House - Distributed by Collier Macmillan), 1988.

Reading Level: 7

Cost: \$15.50



Students who read this book will gain insight into the various types of work available on an off-shore oil rig. This 47 page hardcover book outlines the responsibilities of 'roughnecks', 'derrickmen', 'toolpushers', 'roustabouts', 'divers' and 'scaffolders'. The book would probably have been more interesting to read if it had been written in first person narrative, rather than in third person descriptive. The book closes by presenting the advantages and disadvantages of working on an off-shore oil rig. Students who have no experience in this occupation may find the text difficult to read as it contains technical vocabulary that is difficult to predict. The text is accompanied by 20 full-color photographs. This 47 page hardcover book is part of the "At Risk" series that describes high-risk professions. Individual titles within the series are:

- Animal Handlers and Trainers
- Astronauts
- Bomb Squads and SWAT Teams
- Coal Miners
- Drug Enforcement Agents
- Helicopter Pilots
- High-Rise Workers
- Off-Shore Oil Rig Workers
- Smokeyjumpers & Forest Firefighters
- Stuntpeople
- Test Pilots
- Underwater Specialists

LIFE SKILLS

Pacemaker Career Readers: (David S. Lake Publishers -
Distributed by Fearon Education), 1986.

Cost: \$4.35 US per title.

\$4.35 US for teacher's guide.

Reading Level: 2-3



This series consists of 10 books that describe a variety of semi-skilled employment opportunities. The series is written in the narrative genre, with each book depicting a young adult in a specific occupation. Readers will find a job description and a brief listing of high frequency words related to the specific occupation at the end of each book. This series contains fewer black and white photographs, smaller print and more text than the Pacemaker Vocational Readers. Each book is approximately 60 pages in length and is only available in paperback. Cassettes and a teacher's guide may also be purchased. Individual titles are:

Drama at the Hospital (Nurse's Aide)
Blueprint Blues (Machinist)
When the Job Fits (Retail Sales Worker)
Trucking (Local Truck Driver)
What a Team! (Plumber)
Looking Good (Beauty Operator)
Stay Calm and Take It Easy (Security Guard)
The Building Business (Carpenter)
Love That Detail (Drafter)
Life on the Line (Assembler)

LIFE SKILLS

Pacemaker Vocational Readers: (Fearon Education), 1976.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$4.35 U.S. per title.

\$57.00 U.S. for set of 5 cassettes (2 books on each cassette.)

\$42.00 U.S. for set of 10 books and Teacher's Guide.

Although this series is over 10 years old, it has been very popular with adult students. The set consists of 10 books which describe jobs that special needs students have performed successfully. Each page contains a small amount of print and an appropriate photograph which aids the reader in predicting the text. At the end of each book is a picture dictionary. Each book is approximately 60 pages in length and is only available in paperback. Cassettes and a teacher's guide may also be purchased. Individual titles are:

Ready to Go (Auto Mechanic's Helper)

Someone for the Summer (Waitress)

Until Joe Comes Back (Supermarket Stock Clerk)

Power On and Start Print (Duplicating Room Worker)

The Other Side of the Counter (Short Order Cook)

Give the Kid a Chance (Baker's Helper)

I'll Try Tomorrow (Gardener)

Fitting Right In (Sewing Machine Operator)

And It's So Quiet (Porter/Janitor)

You Know How Children Are (Day Care Centre Aide)

We Make the Clothes: (Toronto Board of Education -
Distributed by Adult ESL Administrative Resource Centre -
East), 1985.

Reading Level: 5

Cost: \$5.00

Women who have experienced work in a garment factory will identify with this photostory. We Make the Clothes was developed by women who participated in an English as a Second Language class located in a Toronto garment factory. This 24 page book shows the steps involved in making a piece of clothing from start to finish. Each step is illustrated with a black and white photograph and one or two lines of text. The book begins with a section for instructors on the process used to produce a photostory.



LIFE SKILLS

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Forms in Your Life: (Globe/Modern Curriculum Press), 1991.
Reading Level: 4-5
Cost: \$9.95

The best feature of this 109 page workbook is the Canadian content. The book begins by introducing vocabulary usually found in forms. The workbook contains 26 school, employment, bank, consumer, housing, provincial and federal forms. The print on some of the forms is quite small and difficult to read. Each form is accompanied by special vocabulary words and helpful hints.

Life Coping Skills Series: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Pippin), 1983.

Reading Level: 2-4

Cost: \$8.75 per title.

\$7.75 per teacher's guide. (Every title is accompanied by a teacher's guide).

This series contains 3 workbooks. The series was specifically written for secondary students; however, the language used in the workbooks conveys the feeling that they were written for children, rather than teenagers or adults. Another drawback of this series is that the content is American. The individual titles are:

Facts and Sources
Signs and Labels
Forms and Messages

Life Skills Reading - Book 1: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1985.

Reading Level: 3-5

Cost: \$8.25

Teacher's guide free with order.

This workbook is comprised of 36 lessons which cover reading labels, following directions, looking up information, paying bills and taxes, agreements and guarantees and filling out forms and applications. It is recommended that this book be used as a reference by the tutor for ideas, and that 'real' labels, bills etc. be brought into the lesson by the student.

LIFE SKILLS

Life Skills Reading - Book 2 - Comprehension Skills:
(Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources),
1984.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$8.25

Teacher's guide free with order.

This book tries to cover too many concepts, and as a result, is quite confusing to the reader. The reading material is a potpourri of selections from editorials, business letters, leases, consumer information, insurance forms, recipes, etc. The lessons progress quickly, moving from teaching main idea to vocabulary development to word meanings to context clues and finally ending with the 5W questions (who, what when, where and why).

Practice in Survival Reading: (New Readers Press -
Distributed by Educational Resources), 1978.

Reading Level: 4-5

Cost: \$6.95 per title.

\$6.95 for teacher's guide.

This series consists of 8 workbooks and a teacher's guide. The workbooks contain representative materials from newspapers, documents, product labels, and instructions. Each workbook contains 25 lessons which have a 3 level questioning system of fact-finding, interpretation and application. Tutors and students are encouraged to bring real, meaningful material into the lessons and to use this series as a reference for ideas. The individual titles are:

Machine Age Riddles

Signs Around Town

Label Talk

Read the Instructions First

It's On the Map

Let's Look It Up

Caution: Fine Print Ahead

Your Daily Paper

LIFE SKILLS

Reading for Independence: (Science Research Associates),
1985.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$7.15 per title.

\$3.00 per teacher's guide. (Every title is accompanied
by a teacher's guide).

This series is not recommended for adults, as it was written
for an adolescent audience. The individual titles are:

How to Use the Newspaper
How to Use the Telephone Book
How to Use Schedules
How to Use Maps & Directories
How to Use Directions
How to Use Classified Ads

LIFE SKILLS

HEALTH

Child Safe: A Parent's Guide to First Aid and Safety: (The Canadian Red Cross Society), 1987.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$12.95



This 120 page paperback is an excellent resource for parents. The first section discusses how to prevent accidents by creating a safe environment. The second section is a simple and easy-to-use first aid guide. Section one is 35 pages and is written at a grade 6 level whereas section two is 85 pages and is written at a grade 4 level. The text in section one is dense and the print is small. Although the second section was not specifically written for adult students, it is easy to read with large print, short sentences, and illustrations depicting first aid procedures. Section two is arranged in alphabetical order, beginning with treatment for bites and stings and ending with treatment for an unconscious person.

Food and Nutrition: (Janus Books - Distributed by Pippin), 1986

Reading Level: 4

Cost: \$86.93 for set of 3 titles and binder.
\$29.93 per title.

The Food and Nutrition program is a set of 3 workbooks in a binder. The books are an excellent resource for beginning cooks or for people who wish to increase their knowledge in measurement or nutrition. The individual titles are:

Measuring for Cooking
Planning Healthy Meals
Reading and Following Recipes

LIFE SKILLS

Help Yourself to Health: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.

Reading Level: 5

Cost: \$6.95 for book.

\$5.50 for workbook.

This 80 page book covers a variety of health related topics such as nutrition, exercise, sleep, stress, and care for one's skin, hair, teeth and eyes. One drawback is that the book does not contain enough graphic information to break up the print on each page. Some readers may be overwhelmed by the amount of print. Nevertheless, the book is a good source of information. A workbook to accompany 'Help Yourself to Health' is also available.

Keeping Healthy: (Project Literacy Series - Distributed by London Public Library), 1989.

Reading Level: 4-5

Cost: \$6.00



This is an excellent resource booklet for students who are apprehensive about visiting the doctor and the dentist. This 52 page booklet contains the following chapters: Visiting the Doctor; At the Drugstore; Visiting the Dentist; and Canada's Food Guide. This publication walks the student through the steps which need to be taken to find a doctor/dentist and to make an appointment. Exercises are provided for students who have difficulty in reading prescription labels. Important and relevant information is delivered through narratives and an easy-to-read question and answer section. Some of the referral information and terms such as OHIP are specific to London, Ontario.

This is Your Body: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1982.

Reading Level: 6

Cost: \$6.95 for book.

\$5.25 for workbook.

Here is a book for those who want to learn more about their body. It's a well-written book with many black and white illustrations. However, the book has not been in great demand. It would probably be a good introduction for students who want to eventually earn credits in biology.

LIFE SKILLS

You Can Give First Aid: (New Readers Press, Distributed by Educational Resources), 1979.

Reading Level: 4

Cost: \$5.75

\$7.75 for teacher's guide.

This book contains vital information that all students, especially parents, should know. This 32 page booklet covers treatment for burns, shock, bleeding, poisoning, and minor wounds and is written at an easy-to-read level. Illustrations aid the reader in understanding how to give mouth to mouth resuscitation.

LIFE SKILLS

LEGISLATION

It's Your Right!: (Human Rights Directorate, Department of the Secretary of State), 1988.

Reading Level: 7

Cost: Free publication.



This kit consists of a 95 page student's manual and a teacher's guide. The manual contains an introductory chapter on basic rights and freedoms, followed by chapters on tenant's rights, age, disability, sexual harassment, equal pay, employment rights and race, colour and ethnic origin. Although the modules were designed to be used in Adult Basic Education classes, they could also be used successfully in tutorial sessions. Case studies are used within each module as a springboard for discussion and problem-solving. Cartoons, letters and newspaper stories are used as vehicles for presenting the majority of the case studies.

LIFE SKILLS

CONSUMER ISSUES

Banking for Adult New Readers: (ACCESS), 1981.

Reading Level: 7

Cost: \$2.50 & \$1.00 for handling.

This 28 page booklet was written to supplement the Alberta ACCESS video 'Safer than a Sock.' It concentrates on explaining how to use chequing and savings accounts. The print is large, and there is an adequate amount of graphic information. The one shortcoming is the length and complexity of the sentence structure.

Consumer Complaints: A Self Help Handbook: (Consumer and Corporate Affairs), 1985.

Reading Level: 7-8

Cost: Free government publication.

Do you work with students who are unsure of their rights as a consumer? Are they unsure about where and to whom they should take their complaints? If so, then this is the publication for them as it outlines procedures for effective complaining, methods of complaining, assertive behaviour, and general sources of consumer help. The bulk of the booklet is a directory of information. Although this book was intended for the general public, it could be used with students reading at a higher level (7-8).

Credit Wise: A guide to consumer credit: Canadian Bankers' Association), 1983.

Reading Level: 7-8

Cost: Free Publication

If the student you work with is interested in learning more about credit, this book will help to answer his/her questions. The book was written for the general public, so the vocabulary and sentence structure are complex, and there are few illustrations. Nevertheless, this 38 page booklet is an excellent source of information.

LIFE SKILLS

To the Point on Money Management: (New Readers Press -
Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.

Reading Level: 3-4

Cost: \$6.50 per title.

\$3.75 for teacher's guide.

The major disadvantage of this series is the American content. There are five books in the series, plus a teacher's guide. The lay-out of the books is good, and there are many cartoons and graphics. The individual titles are:

Using Credit

Making a Budget

Insuring Yourself

Saving and Investing

Using a Chequing Account

BIOGRAPHIES

Canadian Lives: (Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1989.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$7.95 for individual biographies.

\$9.95 for group biographies.



This well-written series is very popular among students. The paperback books are published in two formats: 48-page individual biographies and 64-page group biographies featuring four profiles with a thematic link. The text is supported by photographs, diagrams, news clippings, printed memorabilia, and childhood letters. The book is easy to read, with large print and short lines of text. This series comes highly recommended. The individual titles are:

Brian Orser

Laurie Graham

David Suzuki

Jeanne Sauve

Bryan Adams

Robert Bateman

Wayne Gretzky

Karen Kain

Swimmers

Kids' Writers

Bravery

Entrepreneurs

Painters

Pioneers

Track and Field

Musicians

Discover Canadians: (Globe Modern), 1980

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$8.65

\$4.35 for teacher's guide.

This attractive paperback is a collection of 18 short biographies about Canadians. In writing this book, the author has chosen to highlight a significant event in the life of each of the subjects. Some of the more famous personalities portrayed are Nellie McClung, Anne Murray, Chief Dan George and Norman Bethune. This 95 page book contains several black and white photographs. Multiple choice questions and vocabulary exercises follow each biography. A teacher's guide is also available.

BIOGRAPHIES

The Entertainers: (Creative Education - Distributed by Saunders Book Company), 1975 & 1983.

Reading Level: 7

Cost: \$13.50 per title.



This series, which features musicians and television shows, is dated as several of the television shows are no longer aired. Also, Neil Diamond's biography was written in 1975. Although the publisher states that this series is written at a grade 4 level, this designation is inaccurate. The series is written at approximately a grade 7 level. These hardcover books are 32 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Bruce Springsteen
Neil Diamond
Hall & Oates
Pat Benetar
The Cosby Show
Battlestar Galactica
Earl Campbell
Happy Days

The Hardy Boys
Magnum P.I.
Mork and Mindy
M.A.S.H.
Star Wars
Hulk Hogan
Andre The Giant

History Maker Series: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1986.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$4.95 per title.

The 3 books in this series are written in the narrative genre, which helps to make the history come to life. The illustrations are limited, with only 3 per book. The series is available in paperback only. The individual titles are:

Cleopatra
Galileo
Soul Force

Mother Teresa: (Scott, Foresman and Company - Distributed by Gage Educational Publishing Company), 1982.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$6.30

This book is part of a series entitled "Adult Readers Library." It is well-written, and is an interesting account of Mother Teresa's life. The book contains a glossary and several black and white photographs. Unfortunately, its shelf life is limited due to poor binding.

BIOGRAPHIES

Operation Literacy Series I and II: (Canadian Library Association), 1981 and 1986.

Reading Level: 2-4

Cost: \$2.25 per title.

\$22.00 for Series I.

\$20.00 for Series II.

Thirteen of the books in the Operation Literacy series are biographies of famous Canadians. The books are well-written and were extensively field tested in a number of literacy programs in Ontario. The books would be appropriate for independent reading as the biographies are very short (8 - 21 pages). Each book has a word list on the last page, and 2 or 3 illustrations or photographs. The series is available in paperback only. The individual biography titles are:

Laura Secord

Emily Carr

The Donnellys

John A. Macdonald

Jack Miner

Riel of the Free People

Pauline - The Indian Poet

Timothy Eaton

Karen Kain

Billy Bishop

Thomas D'Arcy McGee

Tom Thomson

Nellie McClung

BIOGRAPHIES

Reading Success Paperback Books: (Turman Publishing Company
- Distributed by Educational Resources), 1987.

Reading Level: 5

Cost: \$4.75 per title.

\$6.25 per workbook.



The lives of popular musicians, movie stars and athletes are explored in this series. The majority of biographies feature American males. Each 75 page paperback contains approximately 20 black and white photographs. The reader is often faced with two full pages of very small print, with limited spacing between the lines. This series has not experienced a very high circulation rate. Reproducible workbooks accompany each title. The individual titles are:

Bon Jovi
Cher
Cosby
Cruise
Elway
Fox
Johnson
Jordan
Macchio

Madonna
Magic
Murphy
Prince
Springsteen
Stallone
Tyson
Whitney

BIOGRAPHIES

Rookie Biographies: (Childrens Press - Distributed by
Grolier Ltd.), 1990.

Reading Level: 2-3

Cost: \$15.50 per title.



Although this series was written specifically for children, it is also appropriate for an adult audience. Each page boasts beautiful color photographs and illustrations which correspond to the text, making it easier for the reader to make predictions. Each line of text only contains 3 to 5 words, and the print size is large. These books are highly recommended for beginning readers because of their low readability level. This series profiles American explorers, pioneers, politicians and musicians. However, a few titles such as Martin Luther King and Laura Ingalls Wilder, may be of interest to Canadian students. Each hardcover book is approximately 46 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Ludwig van Beethoven
Daniel Boone
Christopher Columbus
Benjamin Franklin
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Robert E. Lee
Abraham Lincoln
Pocahontas
Jackie Robinson
Laura Ingalls Wilder

BIOGRAPHIES

Sports Close-Ups, SCU-2: (Crestwood House - Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1985.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$15.50 per title.

This series portrays 22 well-known athletes who participate in spectator sports. Since this series is focusing on spectator sports, the majority of athletes portrayed are American males. The books tend to contain an abundance of proper nouns (teams, cities, names) in the text which may frustrate students who have weak decoding skills. Each book contains many photographs. All of the books are 48 pages in length and are available in hardcover. The individual titles are:

Marcus Allen
Martina Navratilova
Wayne Gretzky
Fernando Valenzuela
Larry Bird
Patrick Ewing
Lynette Woodward
Dwight Gooden
Walter Payton
Sparky Anderson
Magic Johnson

Mary Decker Slaney
Erick Dickerson
John Elway
Steffi Graf
Michael Jordon
Shirley Muldowney
Greg Norman
Lawrence Taylor
Dave Winfield
Ivan Lendl
Willie Shoemaker

BIOGRAPHIES

The Spotlight Series: (Steck-Vaughn Company - Distributed by Pippin), 1989.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$6.25 per title.



Each of the six workbooks in this series features 8 mini-biographies on a single theme. This series is a lower-level extension of The Superstar Series. The mini-biographies in The Spotlight Series are easier to read for the following reasons: 1) the print is larger; 2) there are fewer words per line and; 3) there is more space between lines. A set of exercises that tests the reader's knowledge of the story and vocabulary follows each mini-biography. Each 60 page workbook also contains black and white photographs, crossword puzzles, and a glossary. The individual titles are:

Rock Stars
Movie Stars
Sports Stars

Music Stars
TV Stars
Sports Stars II

The Superstar Series: (Steck-Vaughn Company - Distributed by Pippin), 1984.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$7.95 per title.

This is a series of 6 workbooks, with each workbook featuring 14 personalities. This series has been quite popular with the students, even though the biographies are quite brief. Each biography is followed by a set of comprehension exercises which are generally a combination of vocabulary development exercises and questions at the explicit level.

The individual titles are:

Superstars of Rock
Superstars of Soul
Superstars of Country

Superstars of Movies and TV
Superstars of Sports
Superstars Music Hall of Fame

BIOGRAPHIES

Women Of Our Time: (Viking - Distributed by Penguin Books Canada), 1985.

Reading Level: 6

Cost: \$15.95 per hardcover title.

\$4.95 per paperback title.

This is a series of 23 biographies focusing on the lives of twentieth-century women. The women portrayed come from such diverse fields as politics, entertainment, the arts and science and athletics. The books are written in an anecdotal style, and are a pleasure to read. Although the series was aimed at a young audience (7-11 years), the series is very appropriate for adult students. Each book is 57 pages in length. The code beside the following titles shows if the book is available in hardcover (H) and/or paperback (P).

(P) Diana Ross	(P) Eleanor Roosevelt
(P) Betty Friedan	(P) Dolly Parton
(P) Dorothea Lange	(H) Martina Navratilova
(P/H) Mother Teresa	(P/H) Margaret Thatcher
(P) Golda Meir	(P/H) Shirley Temple
(H) Carol Burnett	(P) Babe Didrikson
(H) Rachel Carlson	(P/H) Laura Inglis Wilder
(P/H) Winnie Mandela	(P) Grandma Moses
(P) Margaret Mead	(P) Judy La Marsh
(P/H) Juliette Gordon Low	(H) Astrid Lindgren
(H) Beverly Sills	(H) Julie Brown
(H) Helen Keller	

World Biographies: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1987.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$11.45

\$4.15 for teacher's guide.

This book has an interesting combination of biographies which includes personalities from the following fields: politics; religion; sport; science; architecture; literature; and entertainment. Each biography begins with a brief summary of the personality's profession or country of origin. There would need to be a great deal of pre-reading discussion with many students to help bridge their gaps in background knowledge. Each biography is accompanied by an excellent set of comprehension exercises which include questions at the explicit, implicit and experiential levels. The book is 296 pages and is available in paperback. It has not experienced a high circulation.

NON-FICTION

STAGE II

The books listed in this section have a readability level which falls between grade one to three.

Coast-To-Coast Reader: (Douglas & MacIntyre - Distributed by Nelson), 1987.

Reading Level: 3-4

Cost: \$6.95

This 63 page book by Joan Acosta is a collection of 52 articles about Canadians. Many of the articles originally appeared in The Westcoast Reader, which is a newspaper from B.C. that is similar to Alberta's English Express. Every article is accompanied by a captioned photograph or illustration to provide visual information and to enhance the story.

High Action Treasure Chest Books: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1981.

Reading Level: 2-3

Cost: \$201.00 per kit

This kit is reasonably priced, considering that you receive 44 paperback titles. The kit is a collection of famous firsts and unsolved mysteries. Each book contains several full page illustrations. The low readability level and the nature of the stories have contributed to the popularity of this set of books. The kit includes 44 paperbacks and skill cards. The individual titles are:

READABILITY LEVELS: 2.1 - 2.6

Mysterious Buried Treasure

The First American Circus Ever

The First Women of Medicine: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell

The Mystery of the Human Wolves

Nellie Bly: The First Women of the News

Mystery in the Wax Museum: The Magic of Madame Tussaud

Underwater Attack: The First Submarines

America's First Football Game

First Women of the Skies

Haunted House Mysteries

The World's First Police Detective

The Mysterious Strangers Within Us

The First Olympic Games

NON-FICTION

Ancient Skyscrapers: The Native American Pueblos
First to Sail the World Alone: Joshua Slocum

READABILITY LEVELS: 2.7 - 3.0

The Fighting Redtails: America's First Black Airmen
The Mystery of Hypnosis
First into the Air: The First Airplanes
The Mystery of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Protectors of the Wilderness: The First Forest Rangers
Rasputin: The Mysterious Monk
When the Movies Began: First Film Stars
First to the Top of the World: Admiral Peary at the North Pole
The World's First Baseball Game
The First Wild West Rodeo
Mysterious Sunken Treasures
The Mystery of the Talking Plants
Mysterious Doubles: The Story of Twins
The Mystery of Who Discovered the Americas

READABILITY LEVELS 3.1 - 3.5

The Mysterious Ghosts of Flight 401
The First Blue Jeans
Machu Picchu: Mystery City of the Incas
The First Woman in Congress: Jeanette Rankin
Mysterious Creatures from Outer Space
First Over the Oceans
The Mystery of the Body Clocks
The First Stunt Stars of Hollywood
Mysterious Castle Builders: African Termites
First to the Moon
The Mystery of Talking Animals
Firsts Under the Wire: The World's Fastest Horses
The Mystery of Robin Hood: Fact or Fantasy?
When TV Began: The First TV Shows
The First Seeing Eye Dogs

NON-FICTION

The Many Ears of CB Radio: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1979.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$4.25

Students who own a CB, and even those who do not, will probably find this book entertaining. The contents of the 45 page paperback book include getting a license, rules and regulations, buzz words, the Ten Code, and rescues performed by CBer's.

Operation Literacy - Series I & II: (Canadian Library Association), 1981.

Reading Level: 2-4

Cost: \$2.25 per title.

\$22.00 for Series I.

\$20.00 for Series II.

These books are a combination of biographies and historical events (See BIOGRAPHIES). Nine of the books are short accounts of historical Canadian events and tragedies. They are 8 - 20 pages in length and are available in paperback only. The individual titles are:

Two Letters from Upper Canada
No Help for It
The Halifax Explosion
The Klondike Gold Rush
The Nightmare Game
The Kildonan Settlement
Where the West Winds Blow
Under a Coat of Ice
The Acadians

NON-FICTION

The Second Step: (Alberta Association for Adult Literacy (AAAL) - Distributed by AAAL and Lone Pine Publishing), 1991.

Reading Level: 3-5

Cost: \$35.00 per set.

\$6.95 per title.

Note: AAAL distributes sets and Lone Pine distributes sets and individual titles.

This series was funded by a grant from the Secretary of State and is a revision of the former STEP Collection. These books were written specifically for adult students and feature Alberta content, whenever possible. Six revised titles will be released in July, 1991 and an additional six revised titles will be released in 1992. The revisions include removal of sexist language, updated sections, typeset text, new illustrations and photographs and full-color glossy covers. The individual titles which will be released in 1991 are:

Hockey
Night Lights
Rodeo

Getting a Handle on Your Home
In Alberta?
Souped Up

The Story of Jesus: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981.

Reading Level: 3-4

Cost. \$4.95 per title.



The Story of Jesus is a set of three paperbacks that covers the life of Jesus. Book One focuses on Jesus' birth and Ministry. The text of Book One is quite repetitive and predictable and the sentences are short. Book Two concentrates on Jesus' Death and Resurrection. Book Three contains 25 of Jesus' parables. This last book is the most difficult of the set to read because sentences and words are longer. The text in each 62 page paperback is dense. This series was first published in 1946.

NON-FICTION

Survival Series: (Crestwood House - Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1979.

Reading Level: 3-4

Cost: \$13.95 per title.

These captivating human survival dramas by Ben East are the type of stories which most adults find difficult to put down once they start reading them. There are 5 books in the series, and each one describes a true story of how a person kept him/herself alive in the wilderness. The print is quite large and the books contain several pencil illustrations. Read-along cassettes are also available. These 48 page books are available in hardcover only. Individual titles are:

Danger in the Air
Desperate Search
Frozen Terror

Mistaken Journey
Trapped in Devil's Hole

NON-FICTION

STAGE III

The books listed in this section have a readability level which falls between grades 4-8.

Amazing Rescues: (Hayes Publishing), 1987.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$6.95



This paperback describes 17 land, air and water rescue operations that occurred between 1913 to 1987. Each account is one to four pages in length and is accompanied by one color illustration. Pre-reading discussion will be needed so that the students will have the schemata necessary to comprehend the text. Each rescue operation is very interesting but is difficult to read because of the high frequency of proper nouns and the small print. This paperback is 48 pages in length and is part of the CHP Adventure Series. Individual titles in the series are:

Acts of Courage
Amazing Adventures
Mysteries

Daring Deeds
Famous Lives
Amazing Rescues

Canada Rainbow Series: (GLC Silver Burdett Publishers - Distributed by Ginn), 1984.

Reading Level: 7-8

Cost: \$7.95 per title (hardcover); \$4.95 per title (paperback).

This is a useful set of 12 books for immigrants who are interested in developing their knowledge about the Canadian provinces. These general information books explore each province's culture, geography, history, industry and points of interest. Each 22 page book has an abundance of color photography, and a glossary. The individual titles are:

Alberta
British Columbia
Canadian North
Manitoba
New Brunswick
Saskatchewan

Newfoundland
Canada
Nova Scotia
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Quebec

NON-FICTION

Canadian Ways: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1983.

Reading Level: 4

Cost: \$10.60

\$6.30 for teacher's guide.

This is an interesting book for readers who want to develop their knowledge about cultural communities unique to Canada. Six communities (Acadian/Clare, Plains Cree/Hobbema, Chinatown/Calgary, Outport/Tilting, Hutterite/Ferrybank, and Inuit/Holman) are presented and the latter two are described in detail. This 64 page softcover book contains over 200 photographs, maps and illustrations. Each chapter begins with pre-reading questions to help activate the student's background knowledge and to help set a purpose for reading.

Edmonton Oilers: (Creative Education - Distributed by Saunders Book Company), 1990.

Reading Level: 9

Cost: \$14.95



The publishers claim that this hardcover book is written at a grade 4 reading level, but the reading level is actually much higher. However, students who possess an interest in the Edmonton Oilers may have the background knowledge to predict many of the unfamiliar words they encounter. This book provides a brief history of Edmonton Oilers from 1973 to the present. There are ten full-page color photographs featuring hockey players in action, along with smaller black and white photographs. The text is very dense and the print is small. This 32 page book is part of the NHL Series. Individual titles in the series are:

Boston Bruins
Buffalo Sabres
Calgary Flames
Chicago Blackhawks
Detroit Red Wings
Edmonton Oilers
Hartford Whalers
Los Angeles Kings
Minnesota North Stars
Montreal Canadians
New Jersey Devils

New York Islanders
New York Rangers
Philadelphia Flyers
Pittsburgh Penguins
Quebec Nordiques
St. Louis Blues
Toronto Maple Leafs
Vancouver Canucks
Washington Capitals
Winnipeg Jets

NON-FICTION

Essential Skills: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1982.

Reading Level: 3-12

Cost: \$6.95 per title.

\$167.95 for complete set of 20 books.

Where does the word dandelion come from? What would you do if a fox walked up to you? How are sand dunes created? The answers to these questions can be found in the Essential Skills series. This series ranges in reading levels from grades 3 to 12, with 2 books at each level. Each paperback contains 25 short passages that deal with nature. Each passage is followed by a set of comprehension questions which provide practice in finding the main idea and supporting details, and in developing the student's vocabulary. In the main idea questions, the student is requested to recognize the main idea statement, as well as to identify the statement that is too narrow and the statement which is too broad. At the back of each book is an answer key, and a diagnostic chart. The illustrations in these 108 page books are sparse.

Families Around the World: (Wayland - Distributed by Nelson).

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$13.38 per title.

Students who love to travel and/or to read about people from different cultures will probably enjoy this set of books. There are 19 hardcover books in the series, and each one portrays a family from a different country. Each family was chosen to represent an important industry or activity typical of the country. Although this series was written for children, the language and photographs will appeal to adult readers. Each 32 page book contains a glossary, fact sheet and index. These books would also be ideal for programs which have a high enrollment of E.S.L. students. Individual titles are:

A Family in Australia
A Family in Central America
A Family in China
A Family in Colombia
A Family in France
A Family in Greenland
A Family in Holland
A Family in Hong Kong

A Family in Ireland
A Family in Japan
A Family in Mexico
A Family on a Pacific Island
A Family in the Persian Gulf
A Family in Iceland
A Family in Thailand
A Family in the U.S.S.R

NON-FICTION

Fast and Easy Library: (Troll Books - Distributed by Troll and Permabound), 1976.

Reading Level: 4

Cost: \$3.50 per title (paperback), \$13.40 per title (hardcover).

\$16.80 per audio cassette.

Sports enthusiasts will delight in this set of books. The series consists of 12 books about fast-action sports and dangerous adventures. There is only a small amount of print on each page. The majority of the pages are taken up with beautiful color photography. Read along cassettes are also available. The individual titles are:

Ballooning: High and Wild
Diving the Great Barrier Reef
Bobsledding: Down the Shute
Racing to Win, the Salt Flats
The Everglades: Exploring the Unknown
Danger: White Water
The Grand Canyon, Journey Through Time
Hang Gliding, Riding the Wind
Hunting the Killer Shark
Baja Run: Racing Fury
Surfing, the Big Wave
Challenge, the Big Thunderboats

Geography Course: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1986.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$9.95 per title.

Although the publisher states that the 2 workbooks in this set (Geography I & Geography II) are at a grade 2 reading level, this designation is inaccurate. The actual readability level ranges between grades 5-6. These books have not been in high demand. Each 112 page workbook appears to be an abbreviated edition of a social studies textbook. The 2 workbooks introduce students to the basic concepts of physical and cultural geography. The individual titles are:

Geography One: The Earth and Its Resources
Geography Two: The Earth and Its People

NON-FICTION

Great Moments in Sports: (Creative Education - Distributed by Saunders Book Company), 1990.

Reading Level: 9

Cost: \$17.85 per title.



This expensive series was a disappointment due to its high readability level. The publisher's designation of grade 4 was inaccurate. This series, which focuses on professional and amateur sporting events and competitions, traces each event from past to present. As well, the books usually feature either a spectacular championship game or race and a well-known athlete. The hardcover books are 32 pages and contain approximately 25 color photographs. The individual titles are:

The Final Four
The Indianapolis 500
The Kentucky Derby
The NBA Finals
The Special Olympics
The Stanley Cup

The Summer Olympics
The Sugar Bowl
Wimbledon
The Winter Olympics
The World Cup
The World Series

Horses: (Crestwood House - Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1983.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$13.95 per title.

This series is comprised of 4 books, with each book focusing on a different kind of horse. For example, one of the books is a biography of Ruffian, one of the greatest thoroughbreds of all time. The books convey basic information such as a brief history and current uses of the breed, and the horse's physical appearance. Each book is well illustrated with color and black and white photographs, and numerous diagrams and charts. These hardbound, 45 page books also have a glossary. The individual titles are:

Draft Horses
Hunters and Jumpers
The Ponies
Rodeo Horses

NON-FICTION

The Incredible Series: (Barnell Loft - Distributed by Pippin), 1972.

Reading Level: 7

Cost: \$159.50 for complete set of books.

This set of 13 books is a smorgasbord of true stories written in the narrative style. The stories cluster around the 3 major themes of courage, adventures at sea and true accounts of mystery and suspense. There is an abundance of illustrations in each book. These books are attractive and well-written. Read along cassettes are also available. These hardbound books are 47 pages in length. The individual titles are:

The Chicago Inferno
Glenda's Long Swim
The Red Baron
Soldier Girl
The Long Search
Escape
The Cardiff Giant

Horror Overhead
17 Minutes to Live
Blondin: Hero of Niagara
Joshua James
Titanic
Alone

Nature Sports: (Crestwood House - Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1980.

Reading Level: 5

Cost: \$13.95 per title.

Is the student you work with interested in camping, backpacking or jogging? This series provides an overview of various aspects of these three outdoor activities, including equipment, clothing, warm-up exercises, and helpful hints. The information within these books is still relevant, even though the series is 11 years old. Each book contains approximately 20 color and black and white photographs. The hardcover books are 31 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Backpacking
Camping
Jogging



NON-FICTION

Reader's Digest Reading Skill Builder (Advanced): -
(Reader's Digest Educational Division - Distributed by
Britannica Learning Materials), 1980.

Reading Level: 7-9

Cost: \$7.25 per title.

\$46.00 per audio lesson.

\$7.95 for teacher's guide (levels 7-9).



This set of readers consists of 12 paperbacks, with 4 paperbacks at each of the reading levels (7, 8 & 9). Each paperback includes 12 selections covering a wide range of topics similar to those found in the Reader's Digest magazine. The length of each selection ranges from 2-7 pages, with an additional two pages of well-constructed comprehension exercises. Unfortunately, the print is small and dense. Each reader is 128 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Level 7

Reader, Part 1
Reader, Part 2
Reader, Part 3
Reader, Part 4

Level 8

Reader, Part 1
Reader, Part 2
Reader, Part 3
Reader, Part 4

Level 9

Reader, Part 1
Reader, Part 2
Reader, Part 3
Reader, Part 4

Religions of the World: (Wayland - Distributed by Nelson), 1986.

Reading Level: 7

Cost: \$14.50 per title.

This series of 6 books examines six major religions. Students may want to read these books to learn more about their own religion or to develop their understanding about other religions. Each book takes a brief look at the religion's history, rites of passage, customs, taboos and laws. Pre-reading discussion will be necessary to introduce unfamiliar vocabulary and concepts. Each book has an abundance of beautiful, color photographs. These hardcover books are 48 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism

Islam
Judaism
Sikhism

NON-FICTION

Remembering Grandmother: (Saskatoon Open Door Society Inc.), 1989.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$5.00



This lovely book is a collection of memories about grandmothers. The memories were written by adults who attend literacy and English as a Second Language classes in Saskatoon. This paperback features 25 stories, which were chosen from a total of 100 student entries. Each story is one to two pages. Large print is used and black and white illustrations accompany several of the stories. This book was published with funds from the Canadian Give the Gift of Literacy Foundation.

Six-Way Paragraphs: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry and Whiteside), 1983.

Reading Level: Middle Level (4-8); Advanced Level (8-12)

Cost: \$16.65 per title.

\$24.65 per title for large print edition.

Six-Way Paragraphs, Middle Level contains passages that range from grades 4-8, with 20 passages at each grade level. Each paperback contains 100 short factual passages about nature, famous people, historical events and of human interest. Each passage is followed by 6 multiple-choice questions which stress the following comprehension skills: subject matter; main idea; supporting details; conclusion; clarifying devices; and vocabulary in context. The print is large in these 238 paperbacks, with very large print editions also available for visually handicapped students. These books are not illustrated. The individual titles are:

Six-Way Paragraphs (Middle Level)

Six-Way Paragraphs (Advanced Level)

NON-FICTION

Super-Charged!: (Crestwood House - Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1987.

Reading Level: 6

Cost: \$15.50 per title.



Students interested in mechanics, vehicles and racing will gravitate towards these books. Some of the titles describe the history, features and performance of certain vehicles such as the Lamborghini or the four-wheel drive. Other titles describe sports such as bicycle motocross or races such as the Indy 500 and the Baja 1000. Each book contains a glossary which explains and clarifies technical terms, names and facts. The print is large and the spacing between lines of text is appropriate. On the negative side, the books have a high percentage of lengthy and complex sentences. Each 48 page hardcover book contains approximately 25 color photographs. The individual titles are:

ATV's	Monster 4-Wheelers
Baja Cars	Motocross Cycles
Bicycle Racing	Motorcycle Racing
BMX's	Personal Watercraft
Buggies	Power Boat Racing
Dragsters	Radio-Controlled Model Airplanes
Dream Cars	Rocket-Powered Cars
Exotic Cars	Stunt Planes
Funny Cars	Touring Cycles
Indy Cars	Truck and Tractor Pullers

NON-FICTION

Timed Readings: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1980.

Reading Level: 4-College

Cost: \$9.35 per title.

\$15.90 for pacing cassette.

\$106.35 for complete set of 10 books.

This series consists of 10 books, beginning at a readability level of 4 and progressing to a college level. Each book contains 50 short factual selections which deal with health, nature, nutrition, history and consumer information. All of the selections are under 400 words in length. This series can be used to assist students to increase their reading speeds. Pacing dots are printed in the margin next to each reading selection, and pacing drills may be tutor or cassette administered. Each selection is followed by 10 explicit and implicit multiple-choice comprehension questions. There are no illustrations in these 120 page paperbacks. The titles and corresponding grade levels are listed below:

Book One (Grade 4)

Book Two (Grade 5)

Book Three (Grade 6)

Book Four (Grade 7)

Book Five (Grade 8)

Book Six (Grade 9)

Book Seven (Grade 10)

Book Eight (Grade 11)

Book Nine (Grade 12)

Book Ten (College)

Walking with Jesus Series: (Canadian Bible Society), 1990.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$1.00 per title.

The 6 booklets in this series are available in some of Canada's indigenous languages. By 1992, the books will be available in English, French, Cree, Micmac, and Ojibwe/Saulteaux. The booklets provide a complete history of the life of Jesus, beginning with Book 1 that describes the birth of Jesus and ending with Book 6 that describes the Resurrection of Jesus. The booklets become more challenging to read as the series progresses. Unfortunately, the artwork is aimed at a juvenile audience. The individual titles in the series are:

Book 1 - An Unforgettable Beginning

Book 2 - Amazing Events

Book 3 - Hidden Meanings

Book 4 - Vital Information

Book 5 - An Undeserved Death

Book 6 - An Awesome Victory



NON-FICTION

Wildlife: (Crestwood House - Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1986.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$15.50 per title.

Animal lovers will probably enjoy these books. A wide variety of animals are portrayed in this excellent series, and the reader can choose from a total of 76 titles. These books describe the physical characteristics, habits, natural environment, life cycle and behaviour of each animal. Each book has several color photographs, a map, plus an index and glossary. They are very readable, and the print is of a large size. These 47 page books are available in hardcover only. The individual titles are:

The African Lion	The Killer Whale
The African Rhino	The Koala
The Alligator	The Little Brown Bat
The Asiatic Elephant	The Mallard
The Badger	The Moose
The Bald Eagle	The Mule Deer
The Beaver	The Orangutan
The Bengal Tiger	The Ostrich
The Bison	The Pelicans
The Black Bear	The Penguin
The Boa Constrictor	The Peregrine Falcon
The Bottlenose Dolphin	The Pheasant
The Canada Goose	The Polar Bear
The Cape Buffalo	The Porcupine
The Caribou	The Pronghorn
The Cobra	The Raccoon
The Coyote	The Rattlesnake
The Elephant Seal	The Sheep
The Elk	The Snow Goose
The Foxes	The Squirrel
The Giant Panda	The Striped Skunk
The Giraffe	The Tarantulas
The Gorilla	The Walrus
The Great Horned Owl	The Whitetail
The Great White Shark	The Wild Cats
The Grizzly	The Wild Horses
The Humpback Whale	The Wild Pigs
The Kangaroo	The Wolves

NON-FICTION

New Titles in the Wildlife Series:

The Black Panther	The Hyena
The Black Widow Spider	The Loon
The Camel	The Monarch Butterfly
The Chimpanzee	The Octopus
The Condor	The Opossum
The Crane	The Python & Anaconda
The Ferret	The Rabbit
The Giant Lizard	The Scorpion
The Harp Seal	The Turtle and Tortoise
The Hippopotamus	The Zebra

World History Course: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by
Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1986.

Reading Level: 4

Cost: \$7.00 per title.

\$5.50 for activities book.

This course features 3 history workbooks and an activity book. World History One briefly covers prehistory through the Middle Ages. World History Two takes the reader from the Middle Ages to the Industrial Revolution. The final book in the series covers modern world history. Each 64 page book has many illustrations. Although the publisher states that these workbooks are at a grade 2 reading level, this designation is inaccurate. These books are written at approximately a grade 4 level. The individual titles are:

World History: One
World History: Two
World History: Three

NON-FICTION

Yesterstories A, 1, 2 & 3: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1979.

Reading Level: 6

Cost: \$8.65 per title.

\$4.35 for teacher's guide.

Yesterstories is a set of 4 books which describe historical accounts between 1500 to the early 1900's from Canada's past. The 8 'Yesterstories' in each book are a combination of legends, and historical adventures and mysteries. These 128 page paperback books contain several black and white photographs and illustrations. A teacher's guide which contains comprehension questions and extension activities is also available. The individual titles are:

Yesterstories A: Fish and Ships

Yesterstories 1: The Ghostly Trapper

Yesterstories 2: The Lost Lemon Mine

Yesterstories 3: The Lady with the Missing Finger

FICTION

STAGE II

The books listed in this section have a readability level which falls between grades one to three.

Adult Learner Series: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1985.

Reading Level: 2-3

Cost: \$10.60 per title.

This series is highly recommended because of its popularity with adult students. It consists of 9 novels, with six written at the grade 2 level and three at the grade 3 level. Each novel has 5 or 6 chapters which are followed by multiple-choice comprehension questions, language skills and life skills. The relevancy of the language and life skills section is questionable, since these sections do not pertain directly to the story. Nevertheless, this series has been a favourite of the students. These paperbacks are approximately 250 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Murder by Radio
The Man Who Stopped Time
The Man With the Scar
Dr. Valdez
The Secret of Room 401

A City for Ransom
Nightmare Snow
Peril on the Road
Killer in a Trance?

FICTION

Adult Literacy Series: (Cambridge - Distributed by
Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1983

Reading Level: Beginning Level (2-3), Intermediate Level
(3-4), Advanced Level (4-5)

Cost: \$3.50 per title.

This series was developed by Cambridge Publishing Company in conjunction with Literacy Volunteers of America. This set of 20 books is a potpourri of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and folklore. The print is large, but there are no illustrations interspersed with the print on the pages. Each paperback is between 26-46 pages in length. These books have been well received by the students. The individual titles are:

Beginning Level

The Life of Lucy Fern
Time for a Change
The Maine Forest
Art in Your Hometown
Trust
Decisions in Your Life
A Long Road

Intermediate Level

Memories of East Utica
These are Your Neighbors
One Summer
Choices in Your Life
What is a Crime?
Stories from the Old Testament
Jesus of Nazareth
A Light in the Dark
Sayings and Stories

Advanced Level

Anthropology: The Story of People
A Trip Through Time
Some Artists: Their Lives, Loves and Luck
People and their Religions

FICTION

BestTeller Series: (Pitman Learning - Hardbound titles are distributed by Permabound & paperback are distributed by Fearon), 1979.

Reading Level: 3-4

Cost: \$4.20 U.S. per title (paperback), \$11.38 per title (hardbound).

Ten more titles were recently added to this series to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the original series publication. BestTellers now consists of 40 titles. In addition, 30 of the titles are available in a magazine format, which is more popular than the paperback format. The books are a mixture of science fiction, mystery, suspense and adventure. The 60 page paperbacks have very few illustrations. The magazines contain word searches, crossword puzzles, and explicit comprehension questions. Several of the books in this series would probably appeal more to adolescents and young adults. The individual titles are:

BestTellers I

Flight to Fear
Diamonds in the Dirt
Night of the Kachina
The Money Game
The Verlaine Crossing
Silvabamba
The Time Trap
The Candy Man
Three Mile House
Dream of the Dead

BestTellers II

Escape from Tomorrow
Black Beach
Crash Dive
Wind Over Stonehenge
Gypsy
The Demeter Star
North to Oak Island
So Wild a Dream
Wet Fire
Tiger, Lion, Hawk

BestTellers III

Little Big Top
The Animals
Counterfeit
Night of Fire and Blood
I Died Here
Star Gold
Bad Moon
Jungle Jenny
Secret Spy
Village of Vampires

BestTellers IV

Dares
Follow the Whales
Welcome to Skull Canyon
Blackbeard's Medal
Time's Reach
Tomorrow's Child
Trouble at Catskill Creek
A Changed Man
Hong Kong Heat
The Cardiff Hill Mystery

FICTION

Collins English Library: (William Collins and Sons -
Distributed by Provincial News), various dates of
publication.

Reading Level 2-7

Cost: \$3.95 per title.

This library features 6 levels of books, with each level having between 15 - 22 titles. Level 1 has a grade 2 readability, level 2 has a grade 3 readability and so on. Grammatical structure, vocabulary, idiom and sentence length are all controlled which does affect the quality of some of the books at the lower levels. Nevertheless, the majority of the titles and storylines will be of interest to adults. These illustrated paperbacks are a mixture of fiction, non-fiction, and adapted classics. The books are published in Britain. Consequently the settings of several books are in Britain and readers will encounter British vocabulary, spelling and expressions. The individual titles are:

Level 1

Three Folk Tales	Taxi
Crocodile	Tin Lizzie
Four Short Stories	Dead in the Morning
The Story of Macbeth	Letters from the Dead
Fast Money	The Pathfinders
It's a Trick	Cats in the Dark
Journey to Universe City	
Inspector Holt & the Fur Van	
Inspector Holt & the Chinese Necklace	

Level 2

Charles and Diana	The Magic Garden
Inspector Holt Gets His Man	The Prince and the Poor Boy
Madame Tussaud's	The Story of Scotland Yard
Muhammad Ali	The Titanic is Sinking
Oliver Twist	The Wrestler
The Bridge	Two Roman Stories
The Charlie Chaplin Story	The Canterville Ghost
Three Sherlock Holmes Adventures	
Mystery of Dr. Fu Manchu	
Chariots of Fire	Complete Robot
Dangerous Earth	King's Love Story
Roadie	Shark Attack

FICTION

Level 3

Five Ghost Stories
Brainbox and Bull
Climb a Lonely Hill
Custer's Gold
The Gunshot Grand Prix
Born Free
Cinema Stunts
Maimunah
Oscar Wilde Short Stories
A Room with a View

Bruce Springsteen
David Copperfield
Emma and I
Little Women
An American Tragedy
Six American Stories
Importance of Being Earnest
Marilyn Monroe
Picture of Dorian Gray

Level 4

King Solomon's Mines
The White South
Landslide
A Christmas Carol
Jane Eyre
Pride and Prejudice
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
Campbell's Kingdom
Hostage Tower
The Secret Sharer & Other Sea Stories

Huckleberry Finn
The African Child
Tiger
Airport International
Nothing is the Number When You Die
The Lovely Lady & Other Stories
Death in Vienna

Level 5

Among the Elephants
Eagle Has Landed
Experiences of Terror
Geordie
Guns of Navarone
I Know my Love
Wuthering Heights

Mayor of Casterbridge
Middlemarch
Sense & Sensibility
Victory
Where Eagles Dare
Wreck of the Mary Deare
Japan: Islands in the Mist

Level 6

Dark Frontier
Doctor Zhivago
Glory Boys
Hard Times
Harry's Game

House of a Thousand Lanterns
In the Shadow of Man
Inspector Holt Breaks an Egg
Sons & Lovers
Vanity Fair

FICTION

Follett ABE Reading Program: (Follett Publishing Company -
Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1983.

Reading Level: 1-4

Cost: \$5.50 per title.

This program consists of 8 paperback books, with 2 books at each reading level. Each 64 page book contains at least 12 short selections. These selections have a combination of informational and narrative text. The lower level books contain numerous photographs and illustrations, and a small amount of print. The 2 lowest level readers have been successfully used with Stage I students. The individual titles are:

Hello World and Other Stories	(grade 1)
A Hard Night's Run and Other Stories	(grade 1)
One Letter Too Many	(grade 2)
Stay Alive and Other Stories	(grade 2)
Easy Money the Hard Way and Other Stories	(grade 3)
The Lucky Break and Other Stories	(grade 3)
A Good Man and Other Stories	(grade 4)
Run for Your Life and Other Stories	(grade 4)

Jim Hunter Books: (Pitman Learning - Hardbound are distributed by Permabound & paperback are distributed by Fearon), 1980.

Reading Level: 1-3

Cost: \$9.88 per title (hardbound).

\$3.00 U.S. per title (paperback).

In this series of 16 titles, the reader will meet Jim Hunter, a secret agent who is continually trying to foil the plans of his arch enemy. The number of words per page and size of type varies from 32 page books with balloon captions to 80 page books with standard type. The illustrations on almost every page correspond well with the the book's storyline. These books are available in paperback and hardcover. The individual titles are:

Jim and the Dolphin	Prisoner of Pedro Cay
Jim and the Sun Goddess	Race for Gold
Danger in the Mountains	Rescue Mission
The Desert Chase	The Sniper at Zimba
The Diamond Smugglers	The Killer Rocket
The Island of Helos	Sabotage in the Arctic
Jim in Training	The Shipwreckers
The Missing Aircraft	The Temple of Mantos

FICTION

Kaleidoscope: A Collection of Stories: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1990.

Reading Level: 1-2

Cost: \$26.25 per set of books.

\$30.25 per set of read-along tapes.



These 8 booklets are a reminder of the difficulty in obtaining high-quality fiction material at the grade 1-2 reading level. However, the reality is that almost any piece of fiction written at the 1-2 level is a welcome addition to one's resource collection. These 8 stories are lacking in character and plot development. Each book contains approximately 6 illustrations and consequently, readers will often encounter two pages of solid print. The sentences are short and the words do not exceed two syllables in length. The print in each 24 page paperback is large. The individual titles are:

Stop That Woman!
No More Cats!
Hush, Little Baby
I Didn't Do It!

What are Friends For?
I'll Be Rich
No Hunting
Dear Mary Ellen

Laubach Way to Reading: Correlated Readers (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1982.

Reading Level: 1-3

Cost: \$2.75 for 'In the Valley' & 'City Living'.

\$3.75 for 'Changes' & 'People and Places'.

The 4 readers in this series are correlated to the Laubach's Skill Books. The vocabulary is controlled and the text is very repetitive. Students who enjoy structure and repetition will probably like to read these paperbacks. Each 20-30 page book contains a word list and a few illustrations. The individual titles are:

In the Valley
City Living

Changes
People and Places

FICTION

Lifetimes: (Pitman Publishers - Distributed by Fearon),
1979.

Reading Level: 1-2

Cost: \$3.90 U.S. per title.

\$16.95 U.S. for curriculum guide.

This excellent series has now expanded from 7 titles to 14. These readers were written specifically for adults and each novelette deals with adult characters facing realistic problems and dilemmas. Each line of text is arranged in 'natural word groupings' which aids the reader in gaining fluency. This also means that even though there are no illustrations in the books, the arrangement of text does not overwhelm the reader. Please note that this series was cited for excellence by the American Library Association. These paperback books are approximately 58 pages in length. A curriculum guide is also available. The individual titles are:

Set I

The Family from Vietnam
So Long Snowman
Time to Choose
Mollie's Year
A Place for Everyone
The Shoplifting Game
Juan and Lucy

Set II

Take Away Three
Climbing the Wall
The Door is Open
Just for Today
Chicken by Che
Play Money
The Missing Piece

FICTION

Longman Structural Readers: (Longman - Distributed by Provincial News), 1981.

Reading Level: 2-5

Cost: \$3.50 per title.

The Longman Group has published a tremendous number of leisure reading novelettes. The Longman Structural Readers feature 4 stages of reading, with Level 1 having a readability level of grade 2, and Level 2 having a readability level of grade 3 and so forth. Each stage includes 5-8 fiction books. The books vary in length, with those at Level 1 having 16 pages and those at Level 3 being up to 90 pages in length. Books at Level 1 have many illustrations, and some are written in a cartoon format. Since Longman is a British publisher, students will encounter British spellings and expressions. Some of the titles are more suitable for adolescents. The individual titles are:

Level 1

Green Island
Sherlock Holmes & the Dancing Man
Operation Janus
The Sheriff
Detectives from Scotland Yard
Nick and the Motorbike
The Flying Spy

Level 2

Island of the Volcanoes
Double Fear and other Short Stories
April Fool's Day
Foul Play
On the Road

Level 3

Catch a Thief
Dangerous Game
Down the River
Inspector Thackery Calls
The Munich Connection
Round the World in Eighty Days
Survive the Savage Sea
The World Under the Sea

FICTION

Level 4

The Angry Valley
Eight Ghost Stories
Gold Robbery & Mine Mystery
Nothing to Fear and other Short Stories
Silas Marner
The Thirty-Nine Steps
Three Mystery Plays
The White Mountains

FICTION

Matchbook Five-Minute Thrillers: (Fearon Education), 1988.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$286.00 U.S (includes shipping and handling) per kit.

Kit includes 100 books, with 5 copies each of 20 titles plus answer key and 20 audio cassettes.

\$33.00 U.S for set of 20 titles.

\$1.65 U.S. per individual title.



These short stories are quite good despite their brevity. Students with a preference for science fiction and suspense will enjoy these stories. Each little booklet measures approximately 4 by 5 inches and contains 16 pages. The last 4 pages of each booklet are devoted to comprehension questions. The individual titles are:

The Playmate
Lost and Found
Adios, Mr. Cox
Flight 901
Shon Al Freed Ya
The Costume Party
The Blue Club
The Look-alike
Chon
Princess

Someone at the Door
The Birthday Present
The Specialist
The Arsonist
The Last Stop
The Everett Eyes
A Matter of Time
Friday Afternoon
The Hitchhiker
A Time to Remember

My Mom Can't Read: (General Publishing - Distributed by Irwin), 1986.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$15.50



This is a children's book which is written in the narrative genre. The storyline is about Tina, a little girl in grade one who asks her mother to help her read. When Tina discovers that her mother cannot read, she engages the assistance of her classroom teacher. The story ends on a positive note when the concerned teacher finds a tutor for Tina's mother. The text in this hardcover book is accompanied by black and white illustrations.

FICTION

The New Start Reading Series: (East End Literacy Press - Distributed by Pippin), 1985.

Reading Level: 1-2

Cost: \$25.00 for set of 6 books.

\$3.95 for 'Getting Along', 'New Year's 1960', & 'Working Together' and "I Call it the Curse".

\$5.95 for 'My Name is Rose' & 'Raised Up Down South'.

This set of 6 books were written by adult students at the Toronto East End Literacy Project. In 'Getting Along', Robert talks about working in a sheltered workshop. In 'New Year's 1960', Hank explains why he received a citation for bravery. Finally, 'Working Together' provides a 'snapshot' of what occurs at a Students for Action meeting. This series is inexpensive and ideal for beginning readers. The print is large, with only a small amount on each page. Illustrations help to convey the meaning of the print. These paperbacks are 32 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Getting Along
New Year's 1960
Working Together

My Name is Rose
I Call it the Curse
Raised up Down South

Scott Foresman Adult Reading: Comprehension: (Scott Foresman and Company - Distributed by Gage Publishing Limited), 1981.

Reading Level: 3-6

Cost: \$6.30 per title

\$6.30 for teacher's guide.

This series presents 24 books based on 4 separate themes: 'People', 'Coping', 'Messages', and 'Culture'. There are 6 books per theme, ranging in reading level from 3-6. Each 63 page book contains 17 short selections which are a combination of narrative prose, informational passages, and poetry. Several comprehension questions follow each selection and an answer key is located in the back of each paperback. The print is large, and each book has several photographs and illustrations. This series is popular with adult students. The individual titles are:

People (Books A through to F)
Messages (Books A through to F)
Cultures (Books A through to F)
Coping (Books A through to F)

FICTION

Specter Series: (Fearon-Pitman Publishers - Distributed by Fearon), 1979.

Reading Level: 2-4

Cost: \$3.90 U.S. per title.

This series is for those who enjoy reading about the occult, and psychic phenomena. For instance, in '57 T-Bird', a vintage sports car holds a dreadful curse for its owner. The simple syntax and vocabulary make these books very readable. There are no illustrations. These 42 page books are available in paperback. A Super Specter Series is now available, but the books are at a higher reading level (3-4). The individual titles are:

Specter Series (grades 2-3)

The Actor	Homecoming
A Deadly Game	No Rent to Pay
Dreams	ZB4
The Ear	'57 T-Bird

Super Specter Series (grades 3-4)

The Man Who Couldn't Come Clean
A Guest From the Grave
The Lost One
Sometimes Nightmares Are Real
Maze of Terror
A Game of Revenge

FICTION

SportTellers: (Hardbound titles are distributed by Permabound and paperback are distributed by Fearon), 1981.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$4.20 U.S. per title (paperback), \$10.31 per title (hardbound).

The storyline and language used in these books is probably more appealing to adolescents and young adults than to older adults. Each of the 8 novels focuses on a different sport and the conflicts and challenges which athletes face. There is a good balance of male and female athletes portrayed in each novel. The print in these 60 page books is large. There are very few illustrations. The individual titles are:

Catch the Sun (running)
High Escape (skiing)
Foul Play (basketball)
Race to Win (car racing)

Stroke of Luck (swimming)
Play-Off (football)
Strike Two (baseball)
Fear of Ice (hockey)

Stories of Surprise and Wonder: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1979.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$11.95
\$2.25 for teacher's guide.

This book is an anthology of 18 tales which have been adapted for beginning adult readers. The stories are short, 3-7 pages, and each one could probably be covered in one lesson. Each story begins with an introduction to new vocabulary. Ten multiple choice questions at the explicit and implicit level follow each passage. This paperback is 182 pages in length.

Stranger Than Fiction: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1978.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$12.55

This paperback contains an interesting melange of 36 news items. The items look as if they have been abstracted directly from a newspaper. Each news item is followed by vocabulary development, explicit multiple-choice comprehension questions, and a few writing exercises. The print in this 179 page book is small.

FICTION

Sundown Collection: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981.

Reading Level: 3

Cost: \$6.50 per title.

\$16.75 per study pack (10 student guides & 1 teacher's guide).

This collection includes 23 titles available in paperback. There are differences among the books in their suitability for adults. The theme of women and men striving for independence is addressed in several of the books. Three of the books, 'Along the Gold Rush Trail', 'The Freedom Side', and 'Last Chance for Freedom' are American historical novelettes. Illustrations are sparse and each page contains many lines of text. Most of these paperbacks are 64 pages in length. Study packs may also be purchased. The individual titles are:

Lady in Pink
Night on 'Gator Creek
Nobody Wants Annie
Just Once
The Other Side of Yellow
Out of the Rough
Take Care of Millie
Better Off Without Me
Birthday Boy
Burn Barrel
Love Letters
Chacho

A Dream With Storms
In and Out of Windows
A New Life
Ben's Gift
Along the Gold Rush Trail
The Freedom Side
Last Chance for Freedom
That Man
Let Nobody Turn me 'Round
Bride in Pink
Don't Sell me Short

FICTION

STAGE III

The books listed in this section have a readability level which falls between grades four to eight.

A Matter of Judgement: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press),
1979.

Reading Level: 6

Cost: \$11.95

\$2.25 for teacher's guide.

The stories in this book are short yet meaningful enough to invite discussion. The 16 selections present people in the midst of moral dilemmas, forced to make choices. Several of the selections were written by Roger Goodman and Charles Spiegler. Each passage is followed by 3 pages of comprehension questions, vocabulary development and short writing assignments.

Adapted Classic Tales: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press),
1980.

Reading Level: 4-8

Cost: \$11.95 per title.

This collection features The Odyssey, 13 classic novels and 4 collections of short stories. The editors have abridged long passages, and simplified the vocabulary and sentence structure. Nonetheless, this series has not experienced a high circulation rate. Readers seem deterred by the length of the books which are between 230 to 330 pages. The illustrations are sparse. The most popular books tend to be the 4 collections of short stories. The individual titles are:

An O Henry Reader
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
The Edgar Allan Poe Reader
Tales Worth Retelling
Oliver Twist
The Scarlet Letter
The War of the Worlds
Great Expectations
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Tom Sawyer
Jane Eyre
A Tale of Two Cities
Treasure Island
Moby Dick
The Odyssey
Huckleberry Finn

FICTION

Adult Readers Library: (Scott Foresman - Distributed by Gage Publishing Limited), 1982.

Reading Level: 3-6

Cost: \$4.00 per title

\$6.30 for teacher's guide.

This collection of 14 titles is a mixture of fiction, biographies, informational and 'how-to' books. These 64 page paperbacks resemble 'regular' adult readers. The print is large, but only a few of the books contain illustrations. Overall, quality varies from book to book. The ones having the highest circulation are marked with an asterisk:

*Truth is Stranger than Fiction

*Stages in Adult Life

*Your Body in Sickness and Health

*All the Way Back: A Story of Courage

*Carlotta's House

*Images of Courage

*Mother Teresa

Dona Eleanora and Lord Edward

Cargo

Mary Ellen and Ida: Portraits of Two Women

Those Who Dared: Adventure Stories from the Bible

Night Prowlers

Becoming a Supervisor

Getting and Keeping a Job

A Kind of Leaving: (Peckham Publishing Project), 1987.

Reading Level: 5

Cost: 1 pound

This book is about Donna's struggle for a place of her own. When Donna moves from Trinidad to England, she finds life unbearable in the home of her father and stepmother. The story ends on a positive note when Donna moves into her own flat and comes to terms with her new life in England. The print in this 32 page paperback is large, and there are several color photographs. This book was written by Millie Richards, a student with the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit (ALBSU) Fiction Group.

FICTION

Best Short Stories: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1983 (Middle Level), 1990 (Advanced Level).

Reading Level: Middle Level (6-8), Advanced Level (9-12)

Cost: \$20.95 per title. (Paperback)



The majority of short stories in the Middle Level edition are aimed at a young audience and the central characters are usually adolescents. For this reason, the Middle Level edition is not recommended. The Advanced Level edition contains selections which are written for an adult audience. However, the readability level of the short stories is high and the print is small. Each short story is accompanied by a lesson that focuses on a literary element (tone, mood, character) which is exemplified by the story. The Advanced Level is 476 pages and contains 13 short stories. The two books are available in paperback and hardcover.

Disasters: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1982.

Reading Level: 7

Cost: \$15.30

This title has not experienced a very high circulation rate. students probably do not find the title very appealing. The book describes 21 well known historic catastrophies such as the Great Chicago Fire, the sinking of the Titanic and the Hindenburg. Each disaster is 2-3 pages in length and is followed by a set of comprehension questions which stress vocabulary development and recognizing the main idea and supporting details. Disasters is part of the Critical Reading Skills Series. Other titles in the series are:

Phonomena
Monsters
Heroes

Eccentrics
Apparitions

FICTION

Doomsday Journals: (Pitman Learning - Distributed by Fearon), 1982.

Reading Level: 6-7

Cost: \$3.90 U.S. (paperback).

These are the journals of Dr. Carla Lancaster, an astronomer who travelled extensively around the world. Each journal is about a disaster or out-of-control event that occurred in the few years before Ryan's comet passed near Earth and collided with its moon. It is recommended that students begin this series by reading the journal entitled 'Comet'. These 75 page paperbacks do not have any illustrations. The individual titles are:

Comet

Final Warning

The Seep

Bedford Fever

Lost Valley

Fireball

Experiencing Poetry: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1987.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$11.95

\$3.65 for teacher's manual.

This book serves as an excellent introduction to poetry. It contains more than 130 short poems arranged in 6 unit themes. Some of the writers include Robert Frost, Ralph Waldo Emerson, e.e. cummings, Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickinson, Carl Sandburg and Walt Whitman. Throughout the book are questions which invite responses from the reader and writing exercises. This 150 page paperback contains a few black and white photographs.

FICTION

Fastbacks: (Fearon - Hardbound distributed by Permabound and paperback distributed by Fearon).

Reading Level: 4-5

Cost: \$1.80 U.S. per title (paperback), \$7.63 per title (hardbound).

This series presents between 70-80 books based on 7 different themes: 'Crime and Detection', 'Mystery', 'Romance', 'Spy', 'Science Fiction', 'Horror', and 'Sports'. The Fastbacks Romance series is geared towards an adolescent audience. The size of the books, (4 inches by 5), is a drawback since they do not resemble adult readers. These 30 page paperbacks do not contain any illustrations. The individual titles are:

Fastback Mystery Books

Bill Waite's Will
Cardiac Arrest
Dawson's City
The Diary
Face That Stopped Time
Game for Fools
Good Luck Smiling Cat
Mad Enough to Kill
The Intruder
Janie
No Witnesses
Shoot Out at Joe's

Fastback Science Fiction

The Champion
Dateline: I.P.S.
Eden's Daughter
The Flavorist
Hennesy's Test
Just in Case
Sinking Ship
The Spotter
Tripping
Vital Force

Fastback Romances

Fifteen
For Always
The Girl in the Painting
Just Like Everyone Else
Maggie: The Freak
Nobody Knows But Me
Oh, Rick
A Part of the Dream
Survival Camp
Two Different Girls

Fastback Horror

Night Ride
Night Games
The Lonely One
Live Bait
The Caller
Guts
The Disappearing Man
Mad Dog
The Masterpiece
Message for Murder
No Power on Earth
Tomb of Horror

FICTION

Fastback Sports

Markers
The Kid with the Left Hook
Game Day
The Comeback
The Rookie
Claire
Marathon
Redmond's Shot
The Sure Thing
Turk

Fastback Crime & Detection

Beginner's Luck
The Blind Alley
Dressed Up for Murder
The Kid Who Sold Money
The Lottery Winner
No Loose Ends
Return Payment
Small-Beat Town
Snowbound
The Wet Goodbye

Fastback Spy

The Cobra
The Ham Who Cried Wolf
Dangerous Waters
Death in Any Language
Double Exposure
Flight of the Sparrow
The Last Hand
The Legend
Pension Plan
The Trap

FICTION

Hutchinson Bulls-Eye Series: (Hutchinson - Distributed by Provincial News), 1985.

Reading Level: 6

Cost: \$4.50 per title.

This series is an adapted or revised set of bestsellers. Some of the more well-known authors are Ian Fleming, Frederick Forsyth, Dick Francis and James Herriot. Standard type is used and there are no illustrations. These readers have been enjoyed by many students, although some refrain from reading them due to the length of the books. The books are approximately 125 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Casino Royale
The Dam Busters
The Day of the Jackal
The Devil's Alternative
Diamonds are Forever
Dracula
Frankenstein

If Only They Could Talk
It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet
Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner
On Her Majesty's Secret Service

Madam, Will You Talk?
The Man With the Golden Gun
Great Escape
Vets Might Fly
Shout at the Devil
Slay Ride
Walkabout

Inside Stories II: (Harcourt Brace Janovich), 1987.

Reading Level: 6-7

Cost: \$16.35

This 330 page paperback is an excellent introduction to literature. The reader will be exposed to 24 short stories by authors from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Australia, and Columbia. Educators will appreciate the book's format. It is divided into 8 units, with each unit focussing on a specific literary element such as point of view, conflict, or character, etc. Each unit begins with a two page discussion of the literary element and then presents 3 short stories that illustrate this specific element. The short stories are followed by questions that provide an opportunity for the reader to respond to the selection. The book ends with a 16 page glossary of literary terms. This book was not intended for literacy students, and consequently the print is small and dense.



FICTION

Insight and Outlook: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1975.

Reading Level: 7-8

Cost: \$14.95

\$2.93 for teacher's guide.

This paperback is a collection of 16 titles which explore various themes such as 'facing life's problems', 'pursuing the goal of happiness', and 'understanding ourselves'. The book begins with a useful guide which describes the elements found in a short story. Each selection begins with an introduction to the author and to the story. The stories are between 5 - 20 pages in length and each one is followed by thought-provoking comprehension questions. All of the stories in this 274 page paperback are unabridged and unadapted.

Jamestown Classics: (Jamestown Publishers, Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1982.

Reading Level: 5

Cost: \$4.95 per title.

\$6.50 for teacher's guide.

\$18.95 per cassette.

This series features 24 adapted classics by 6 well-known authors. These illustrated short stories range in length from 6 - 19 pages. Comprehension questions, key concept questions, and discussion starters follow each short story. These 48 page paperbacks also contain glossaries. Read along cassettes and a teacher's guide are also available. The teacher's guide has an introduction to the authors which the student may find interesting. The individual titles are:

The Gift of the Magi

The Ransom of Red Chief

Alias Jimmy Valentine

The Last Leaf

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Markheim

The Body Snatcher

The Bottle Imp

The Tell-Tale Heart

The Pit and the Pendulum

The Masque of the Red Death

The Gold Bug

Diable, the Dog

The Marriage of Lit-Lit

The Law of Life

Nam-Bok, the Liar

The Luck of Roaring Camp

The Outcasts of Poker Flat

Mliss

The Girl from Pike County

The Musgrave Ritual

The Case of the Six Napoleons

The Red-Headed League

The Case of the Five Orange Pips

FICTION

Lifestyles: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1972.

Reading Level: 6-7

Cost: \$14.95

\$2.93 for teacher's guide

Here's another collection of short stories from Globe Books. This book contains 18 narratives from well-known authors such as Pearl S. Buck, John Steinbeck, John Updike and Arthur Miller. Each selection is followed by questions dealing with characterization, mood, plot and author's intention. The stories vary in length and are between 13 to 30 pages long.

Milk River: (Peckham Publishing Project), 1985.

Reading Level: 4

Cost: 1 pound, 35 pence.

This topnotch book of poetry was written by students from Jamaica and St. Lucia. If your program has a high enrollment of Caribbean students, this is the book for you. The 40 page booklet has large print, and contains several black-and-white photographs of Jamaica and St. Lucia. The language and photography in this paperback will spark many pleasant memories for those readers who have lived in the Caribbean and it will spark interest in the Caribbean for those who have never visited that part of the world.

Myths and Folktales From Around the World: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1985.

Reading Level: 4

Cost: \$13.75

\$3.65 for teacher's guide.

The concepts presented in this book and the unfamiliar genre of these myths and folktales may present difficulties for some students. A great deal of pre-reading discussion will probably be necessary. Fortunately, each selection begins with an introduction to new vocabulary and some background information about the myth. To facilitate comprehension, deities in Greek myths such as Aphrodite and Eros have been given their equivalent Roman names (Venus and Cupid). The book contains 46 myths and folktales from around the world. Each selection in this 370 page book is between 3-10 pages in length. At the end of the book, a set of thought-provoking questions are provided for each selection.

FICTION

Open-Ended Stories: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1973.

Reading Level: 4-5

Cost: \$11.95

\$2.25 for teacher's guide.

The 20 short stories in this book are about young adults. The book addresses several universal themes such as 'the search for identity', 'brotherhood', and 'choosing values'. With each of the stories, the reader must supply the ending. Many adult students do not like this book as they seem hesitant to provide a conclusion for a story in which they do not have a sense of ownership.

Real Stories Series: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1985.

Reading Level: 3-6

Cost: \$12.00 per title.

This series is a collection of true to life stories adapted from newspapers and magazines. Real Stories consists of 4 paperbacks. Each paperback contains 24-30 short selections. The books range in length from 170 to 250 pages. Each selection is followed by 4-5 pages of comprehension questions, vocabulary development exercises and writing exercises. Every story is accompanied by an illustration. The individual titles are:

Book A (Reading Level 3-4)

Book B (Reading Level 3-4)

Book 1 (Reading Level 4-5)

Book 2 (Reading Level 5-6)

FICTION

Snapshots: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.)
1984.

Reading Level: 5-8

Cost: \$6.25 per title

Snapshots consists of 4 books, with one book at each grade level. Each book contains 25 short reading selections which are all under 800 words. The selections have been taken from recent books, magazines and newspapers. It should be noted that the American content in the passages is high.

Computers, money, energy and the environment, health concerns and social relationships are some of the issues dealt with in the passages. One shortcoming is that the selections were not given titles, which makes choosing a selection to read difficult. Multiple-choice comprehension questions follow each selection, plus detailed answers and explanations that show the reader how to analyze the passage to obtain the correct answer. The individual titles are:

Snapshots RL 5

Snapshots RL 7

Snapshots RL 6

Snapshots RL 8

Tales of Mystery and the Unknown: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1985.

Reading Level: 6

Cost: \$12.00

\$2.25 for teacher's guide.

The 18 passages in this book form a collection of science fiction, supernatural and strange tales from the past. The passages have been adapted from originals by well known authors such as Poe and H.G. Wells. The selections vary in length from 3-12 pages. Standard type is used and the illustrations are limited to one per story. Explicit and implicit multiple choice comprehension questions follow each selection. As well, an introduction to new vocabulary precedes each story. Overall, the book has a good collection of passages.

FICTION

Talespinners: (Fearon), 1981.

Reading Level: 4

Cost: \$3.90 U.S. per title.

Talespinners has recently expanded from 8 to 16 titles. Although the publisher states that the readability levels are between grades 2-4, the higher level seems to be a more accurate representation of the reading level. The 16 paperback books are a combination of mysteries, adventure and science fiction. In some of the books the central character is an adult, whereas in others, it is an adolescent. These 75 page books contain only an introductory illustration. The most recent titles are:

Set I

Balloon Spies
Better Than New
Death Angel
Dream Pirate

Golden God
Johnny Tall Dog
The Joker
Man in the Cage

Set II

The Adventures of Shelley Holmes
Bad Luck Gold
The Eye of Kali
Hard Road to Paradise

The Last Cowboy
Out of This World
The Poison Pen Mystery
A Question of Freedom

FICTION

Tor Double-Action Westerns: (Tom Doherty Associates -
Distributed by Fenn H. B. & Company Ltd.), 1990.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: \$4.50 per title.



Currently, there are 5 paperbacks available in this new series, with each paperback featuring two western stories. These westerns were originally published in magazines between 1928 and 1962. The authors are well established writers of western fiction and a few are recipients of the 'Spur Award' from the Western Writers of America. Each novelette is approximately 100 pages. The size of the print varies from book to book. For instance, the print is large in book #2 and small in book #4. The text is not accompanied by graphics. These books are recommended simply because of the lack of easy-to-read westerns. The individual titles are:

- #1 Battle's End/ The Three Crosses
- #2 Avalanche/ The Kidnapping of Roseta Uvaldo
- #3 Sharpshod/ They Called Him a Killer
- #4 The Riders of Carne Cove/ Last Cowman of Lost Squaw Valley
- #5 Red Blizzard/ The Oldest Maiden Lady in New Mexico

Words on the Page, The World in Your Hands: (Harper and Row -
Distributed by Harper Collins Canada), 1990.

Reading Level: Book One (3-5)
Book Two (5-6)
Book Three (7-9)

Cost: \$6.65 per title.



Words on the Page, The World in Your Hands is a set of three paperbacks and a teaching manual. Each book contains between 44-65 pieces of prose and poetry written, selected and adapted by contemporary writers for adults in literacy programs. The selections have been arranged in order of difficulty, with Book One containing selections that can be understood at a literal level. In Book Two, readers will have to apply inferential comprehension skills more frequently. Book Three contains more abstract material, that will require the reader to apply critical analysis of the text. The print is very dense, and the books do not contain any illustrations.

WORD IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOKS

Many publishers market reading programs which are based on the skills approach to reading. These programs have been placed under WORD IDENTIFICATION since this is their focus for diagnosis and remediation. In the skills approach reading is viewed as a set of skills which need to be learned sequentially. In this approach reading is not viewed as an interaction between the reader's knowledge and print. Neither is reading viewed as a communication process occurring between reader and author. Although none of these programs are recommended as a 'core' reading program, they could be used to supplement the student's individualized program or they could be used as a tutor/student reference.

Challenger: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1985.

Reading Level: 1-8

Cost: \$8.75 for Challenger 1 - 4.

\$11.25 for Challenger 5.

\$13.50 for Challenger 6 - 8.

\$11.25 for teacher's manual (1 - 5).

\$9.50 for teacher's manual (6 - 8).

\$5.25 for answer key (1 - 5).

The Challenger program consists of 8 workbooks and four teacher's manuals. There are separate teaching manuals for levels 6, 7 and 8 and one teaching manual for levels 1 through to 5. This series stresses word identification and the development of a set of reading skills. The workbooks vary in length from 112 - 192 pages, but each one contains 20 lessons. The books also vary in the genre of the passages. For instance, narrative passages are found in workbooks 1 & 3, nonfiction passages are located in workbooks 2 & 4, and workbook 5 contains adaptations from various pieces of literature. American content is kept to a minimum. Structural analysis and phonics are emphasized and a review of these skills is built into each workbook. The print is large in workbook 1 and gradually decreases in size with each workbook. There are no illustrations. It is recommended that these workbooks be used to supplement the student's individualized program. The individual titles are:

Challenger 1
Challenger 2
Challenger 3
Challenger 4

Challenger 5
Challenger 6
Challenger 7
Challenger 8

WORD IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOKS

Entering the Reader's World: (Cambridge - Distributed by
Prentice-Hall Inc.) 1987.

Reading Level: 0-4

Cost: \$7.60 per title.

\$17.20 for administrator's manual.

\$4.70 for diagnostic test.

This is a set of 3 workbooks, a diagnostic test and an administrator's manual. According to the publishers, the main purpose of this series is to help nonreaders acquire the prerequisite skills for literacy. Judging from the contents of this series, pre-requisite skills are deemed to be: learning the alphabet; developing a sight vocabulary; and acquiring perceptual skills. The pages in each of the workbooks are perforated with the inside of the page being the student's workpage and the outside column containing the teacher's directions. This series is not recommended because skills are taught in isolation.

WORD IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOKS

Glass-Analysis for Decoding Only: (Easier to Learn, Inc. - Distributed by Walker and Company), 1976.

Reading Level: 1-6

Cost: \$299.00 U.S. for complete program.

\$105.00 U.S. for 30 Starter Cluster Packs and 30

Medium Cluster Packs with teacher's guide.

\$105.00 U.S. for 30 Harder Cluster Packs and 30

Completer Cluster Packs, with teacher's guide.

\$65.00 U.S. for set of 20 Starter and Medium 'Follow Through Practice Books', with teacher's guide.

\$65.00 U.S. for set of 20 Harder and Completer 'Follow Through Practice Books', with teacher's guide.

This kit will assist readers who tend to analyze small units of print, and need practice in processing larger print units. The complete program consists of four boxed sets (Starters, Mediums, Completers and Harders) with each one containing 30 cluster packs. Each cluster pack represents a specific letter clustering such as 'at', 'ash' or 'ack'. The 17 words in each cluster pack are arranged in order of increasing difficulty. For example, sad, mad, glad; sadness, radish, admit; address, disadvantage, admiration. In addition to the 120 cluster packs, this program also includes 8 illustrated, 32 page 'Follow Through Practice' books. The clusterpacks are appropriate for use with adults whereas the practise books would be appropriate for use with children. The individual titles are:

Cluster Packs

Starter
Mediums
Harders
Completers

Practice Books

Starters
Mediums
Harders
Completers

WORD IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOKS

The Laubach Way to Reading: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981

Reading Level: 0-6

Cost: Prices vary (See below for price listing).

This series consists of 4 skill books, 4 teacher's manuals, 4 readers, and supplementary materials. The program is very structured and prescriptive in nature. Reading is viewed as a sequential activity, and each book introduces a set of skills to the student. The skill books progress from teaching consonant sounds to short vowels to long vowels and finally to consonant digraphs. The skill books vary in length and in the number of lessons, with Skill Book 1 containing 13 lessons and Skill Book 4 containing 23 lessons. Each lesson is comprised of a passage and a set of activities, all of which emphasize the skill being taught. The passages in Skill Book 1 are under 100 words in length, and the language used is very repetitive and predictable. With each skill book, the language becomes less predictable, and the passages gradually increase in length. The print in Skill Book 1 is large, and gradually decreases in size with each skill book. The passages are followed by a set of activities which reinforce practical life skills and comprehension skills. The comprehension questions are mainly explicit. The success of this well-known program differs among students. The major drawback is that the program is not individualized, as the focus is on the attainment of skills rather than HOW the student is reading. If this program is used, it should be supplemented by a variety of other meaningful activities such as language experience which encourages the student's use of language knowledge and his/her knowledge of the world. The individual titles are:

Skill Book 1 (\$6.95)

Skill Book 2 (\$6.95)

Skill Book 3 (\$10.25)

Skill Book 4 (\$10.25)

Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 1 (\$7.50)

Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 2 (\$7.50)

Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 3 (\$11.25)

Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 4 (\$13.50)

WORD IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOKS

New Beginnings in Reading: (Contemporary Books - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1984.

Reading Level: 0-3

Cost: \$6.95 per title.

\$6.95 for teacher's guide.

\$6.95 for groundbreaker exercises

This program includes 8 workbooks, a placement test, an instructor's guide and a book of groundbreaker exercises. Word identification is stressed throughout the workbooks. Print based decoding skills such as phonics, sight words and structural analysis are the key components of this program. Many of the exercises are devoid of meaning in terms of objectives and purpose and do not assist the reader in learning the skills being emphasized. The typeset in these illustrated books is large.

The Phonics Program: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1982.

Reading Level: 1-6

Cost: Prices vary (See below for listing).

This program consists of 6 workbooks and 6 teacher's editions. The program is based on a skills approach to reading and comes with a scope and sequence chart. Each book is segmented into a multitude of phonics skills. The illustrations in the books would be more appealing to children than to adults. These workbooks should only be used as references for tutors who are assisting students in developing their phonics and/or structural analysis skills. The individual titles are:

Level A (\$9.25)	Teacher's Edition for Level A (\$42.00)
Level B (\$9.25)	Teacher's Edition for Level B (\$42.00)
Level C (\$9.25)	Teacher's Edition for Level C (\$42.00)
Level D (\$9.25)	Teacher's Edition for Level D (\$42.00)
Level E (\$8.85)	Teacher's Edition for Level E (\$42.00)
Level F (\$8.85)	Teacher's Edition for Level F (\$42.00)

WORD IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOKS

Read On! II: (Literacy Volunteers of America), 1990. Reading Level: 0-7

Cost: \$4.25 U.S. per textbook.

\$3.25 U.S. per workbook.

\$5.50 U.S. for teacher's guide.

\$8.00 U.S. per audio tape.

The revised Read On Series consists of 6 paperback textbooks, 6 workbooks, 6 audio tapes and a teacher's guide. The program was designed to be flexible and to be used by tutors and students. The program is based on a combination of analytic phonics and sight word instruction. The textbooks introduce word patterns or families, which are then followed by a passage in which the vocabulary is controlled. Word cards are provided in each textbook for review and testing. Tutor directions and a script for the tutor to use appear on the left-hand page of the textbook and the student's material is on the right-hand page. The accompanying workbooks provide further practice with the words introduced in each unit. In order to experience success with this program, students need to have strength in the visual area. Also, if this program is used, it should be complemented by a variety of other materials and resources which are more meaningful to the student. The individual titles are:

Text 1	Workbook 1
Text 2	Workbook 2
Text 3	Workbook 3
Text 4	Workbook 4
Text 5	Workbook 5
Text 6	Workbook 6

WORD IDENTIFICATION WORKBOOKS

Reading for Today: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Pippin), 1987

Reading Level: 0-5

Cost: \$8.10 per title.

\$7.95 per teacher's guide.

This series of 5 workbooks is based on a skills approach to reading. There is a heavy emphasis on phonics and sight words. Book 1 focuses on the attainment of consonant sounds, Book 2 stresses short vowels, Book 3 concentrates on long vowels and so on. A teacher's edition is available for each workbook. This series is not recommended as a core reading program. The individual titles are:

Book 1 (grades 0-1)

Book 2 (grades 1-2)

Book 3 (grades 2-3)

Book 4 (grades 3-4)

Book 5 (grades 4-5)

Troubleshooter: (Houghton Mifflin), 1979

Reading Level:

Cost: \$5.88 per title.

Houghton Mifflin publishes 2 editions of Troubleshooter. The 1979 edition consists of 8 workbooks whereas the 1980 edition consists of 6 workbooks. The series does not profess to be a 'reading program', but instead, features targeted practice on specific reading skills. Several of the skills in the word identification workbooks are taught in isolation and only require the student to create words by adding prefixes or suffixes. The individual titles are:

1979 Edition

Sound Out
Sound Off
Spelling Action
Word Attack
Word Mastery
Sentence Strength
Punctuation Power
English Achievement

1980 Edition

Word Recognition
Vocabulary
Parts of Speech
Reading Comprehension
Aids to Spelling and Writing
Reading and Studying Skills

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

Beyond Basics: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1987.

Reading Level: 4-12

Cost: \$19.90 per title.

\$31.85 for teacher's guide.

This program consists of 9 books, with each one being at a different readability level. These paperbacks are excellent reference books for tutors and students. Each book is divided into the following 4 sections: comprehension skills; reference skills; textbooks and study skills; and literary skills. Lessons in the comprehension skills sections include main idea, chronological and spatial order, understanding cause and effect, fact and opinion, and conclusions and references. A broad range of reading material such as fiction, expository, periodicals, reference words and graphics is used in the lessons and exercises. The books contain several illustrations. The individual titles are:

Beyond Basics 4 through to Beyond Basics 12

Cloze Connections: (Barnell Loft - Distributed by Pippin), 1981.

Reading Level: 1-9

Cost: \$7.20 per title.

.75 per answer key.

These books are designed for students who need practise in using meaning, print and language cues to predict words. This set contains 9 workbooks, with each one being at a different readability level. Each book contains dozens of paragraphs in which certain words have been deleted. These cloze exercises are modified since the students is provided with 4 words to choose from when making his/her prediction. With the exception of Level A, all of the workbooks contain subject matter which is appropriate for adults. These books would be useful for independent practice. The individual titles are:

Cloze Connections A through to Cloze Connections I

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

Comprehension Crosswords: (Jamestown Publishers -
Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1979.
Reading Level: 3-12
Cost: \$31.85 per title.

Comprehension Crosswords is a set of 10 books, with each one at a different readability level. Each book contains 24 spirit masters. The answers to the crosswords are printed on the masters and, according to the publisher, the answers should not reproduce. Unfortunately, attempts to reproduce the masters on the photocopier resulted in the answers also being copied. The end result was dozens of potentially good crossword puzzles that students were unable to use. However, this problem would be overcome if copies were made on a spirit duplicator. The individual titles are:

Comprehension Crosswords 1 through to Comprehension Crosswords 10.

The Curious Reader: Increasing Comprehension and Vocabulary Skills: (Science Research Associates), 1985.
Reading Level: 3-7
Cost: \$8.25 per title.

This series consists of 7 workbooks which progress from 3rd to 7th grade reading levels. Each workbook contains 6-11 non-fiction passages, some of which may not be of interest to adults. The comprehension questions which follow each passage are limited in scope and mainly require factual answers. The individual titles are:

The Curious Reader: Book 1 through to The Curious Reader: Book 7

Everyday People: (Steck Vaughn Company - Distributed by Pippin), 1984.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: \$8.10 per title.

This workbook is part of a series entitled the Adult Reading Collection. Everyday People contains 40 paragraphs, with each one followed by exercises. The language is stilted which results in flat, choppy sentences. The exercises consist mainly of factual questions and meaningless isolated tasks. The remaining 2 titles in the series are 'Finding a Job' and 'Managing Money'.

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

From Pictures to Passages: Building Skills in Reading Comprehension: (Contemporary Books - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1984.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$8.50



The title of this workbook is misleading as an attempt is made to build skills in structural analysis and dictionary usage as well as in comprehension. The workbook contains 12 units that focus on a specific skill and 2 units that serve as a review of skills. The comprehension units that address main idea and inferences are process-oriented. These 2 units introduce the concept through the use of pictures and then describe strategies to find the main idea and to make inferences. The remaining 10 units are skills-based and do not provide the student with effective strategies for understanding or decoding text. The unit on understanding relationships among ideas across passages (cause-effect, time, compare-contrast) is very superficial and does not provide enough examples or exercises. Although this 215 page workbook is entitled From Pictures to Passages, it only contains 10 pages of illustrations.

The Kim Marshall Series in Reading: (Educators Publishing Service - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1984.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$8.60 per title. (1-5 copies)

\$4.30 per title. (6 or more copies)

\$4.30 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 2 workbooks which are similar in format and readability level. The readability level of both books is grade 6, and not between grades 4-6, as specified by the publisher. Each workbook consists of approximately 90 passages, with each passage being one-half of a page in length. The passages are adaptations of stories from newspapers, magazines, television shows, books, movies, and from the author's experience. Ninety percent of the comprehension questions are factual. Teachers/tutors would need to expand upon the questions by asking a variety of thought-provoking questions. Each workbook is accompanied by a teacher's guide. The individual titles are:

Reading - Book 1

Reading - Book 2

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

Mastering Basic Reading Skills: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Pippin), 1985.

Reading Level: 2-7

Cost: \$8.70 per title.

\$9.25 per teacher's guide.

This series contains 8 workbooks at various readability levels. Each workbook has approximately 22 reading selections which range in length from 2-4 pages. The subject matter is generally factual and includes biographies, nature stories, occupations, and sports. Each selection is preceded by an illustration, a brief overview of the subject matter and an introduction to new vocabulary words. The workbooks are divided into 5 units, with each unit featuring a specific comprehension skill. Each selection is followed by 2 pages of exercises. The workbooks have many black and white photographs and illustrations. The individual titles are:

Alpine Run (grades 2-3)	White Water (grades 4-5)
Wind Power (grades 2-3)	Quiet Flight (grades 5-6)
Wheeling It (grades 2-3)	Trailblazers (grades 5-6)
Free-Fall (grades 3-4)	Silent Deep (grades 6-7)

Modern Reading Skilltext Series: (Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company - Distributed by Collier Macmillan), 1983.

Reading Level: 7-10

Cost: \$11.02 per title.

\$12.10 for teacher's guide.

This series is a set of 3 books which each contain approximately 40 passages. The subject matter should appeal to adult readers and is a mixture of tall tales, nature, biographies, science and human interest stories. Each illustrated passage is between 1-2 pages in length. All of the passages are accompanied by a page of exercises which has both factual and thought-provoking comprehension questions. In addition, each workbook has 6 mini-lessons which focus on a specific skill such as using context clues or dictionary skills, etc. The individual titles are:

Book 1 (grades 7-8)
Book 2 (grades 8-9)
Book 3 (grades 9-10)

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

Reader's Choice: (Contemporary Books - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1989.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$7.50 per title.



The three workbooks in this series progress sequentially from reading level 4 to level 6. The reading selections deal with social and personal issues that affect adults. For instance, Discoveries contains articles on apartheid, depression, workers' rights, and robotics. Unfortunately, some of articles contain information that is specific to the United States. Each workbook contains 12 lessons followed by 3 to 4 pages of exercises. The series provides excellent post-reading exercises that develop critical-thinking skills. The first two workbooks also provide word identification exercises whereas the final book focuses on vocabulary building exercises. The individual titles are:

Insights (grade 4)

Connections (grade 5)

Discoveries (grade 6)

Reading Power Through Cloze: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1980.

Reading Level: 4-7

Cost: \$9.50 per title.

\$7.50 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 4 workbooks which concentrate on comprehension and vocabulary development. The title of the series is deceiving since cloze is not the focus of the workbooks. There are 6 lessons per workbook, and the format for each lesson is consistent. The lesson begins with an introduction to vocabulary words which will be found in the passage, and a brief overview of the passage. The passages, which are mainly non-fiction, have a cloze format with each one having 15 deleted words. Each 2-3 page passage is followed by a multitude of comprehension, writing and vocabulary exercises. There is one illustration per lesson. The subject matter of the passages is suitable for adult readers. Each workbook is accompanied by a teacher's guide. The individual titles are:

Mysteries Across Time (grade 4)

Reaching Beyond (grade 5)

Breaking Boundaries and Barriers (grade 6)

Opening New Doors (grade 7)

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

Reading Skills for Adults: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Pippin), 1986.

Reading Level: 2-6

Cost: \$8.70 per title.

\$6.50 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 4 workbooks which progress sequentially from reading level 2 through level 6. Each workbook features 15 non-fiction passages which range in length from 3-5 pages. The passages are suitable for adult readers and cover a variety of topics such as nature, adventure, human interest and sports. The passages are adequately illustrated with black and white photographs and illustrations. Each selection begins with an introduction to new vocabulary. A variety of comprehension questions follow each selection. The individual titles are:

Blue Book (grades 2-3)

Green Book (grades 4-5)

Red Book (grades 3-4)

Brown Book (grades 5-6)

Reading the Newspaper: (Jamestown - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1989.

Reading Level: 6-12

Cost: \$14.95

Reading the Newspaper is a set of two workbooks written at a middle level (grades 6-8) and at an advanced level (grades 9-12). The primary purpose of the workbooks is to teach the specialized skills needed to read the newspaper effectively and to provide the opportunity to practice those skills. The newsclippings used in the workbooks were abstracted from American newspapers. These workbooks are not recommended because of the high percentage of newsclippings that focus on American politics, issues, geography, sports, and personalities.



COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

Skimming and Skanning: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1982.

Reading Level: Middle Level (4-6)
Advanced Level (7-10)

Cost: \$17.25 per title.



These workbooks explain how to skim and scan, and provide opportunities for students to practice these skills. The skimming exercises consist of ten reading selections followed by comprehension questions. The skanning exercises require students to scan a piece of material to find the answer to a specific question. The material used to practice skanning includes bus and train schedules, sports tables, telephone directories, and reference material.

Topics for the Restless: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1974.

Reading Level: 6-12

Cost: \$14.60 per title.

This series consists of 4 workbooks, with each one containing 30 passages which are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction. The passages are short, and each one is 2-3 pages in length. Some of the authors include Betty Friedan, Ray Bradbury, Art Buchwald, and Stephen Leacock. Each passage is followed by 10 multiple-choice comprehension questions, vocabulary exercises, and then word identification exercises. These workbooks are not illustrated. The individual titles are:

- Book 1 (grades 6-7)
- Book 2 (grades 8-9)
- Book 3 (grades 10-11)
- Book 4 (grades 12-college)

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

You Are the Judge: (Academic Therapy Publications -
Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981.

Reading Level: 5-6

Cost: \$12.75 per title.

There are 2 workbooks in this series, each with a similar format and readability level. Each workbook contains 12 actual court cases for the student to read and 'judge'. Each case consists of a 'court scene', a judge's 'think sheet' and a 'court document' on which the student is to write his/her decision based on the evidence presented. These unique workbooks build reading and vocabulary skills along with logical thinking skills. Each 79 page workbook contains a glossary. The individual titles are:

You are the Judge Book 1

You are the Judge Book 2

SKILL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Developing Reading Comprehension Skills: (Oceana Educational Communications - Distributed by Pippin), 1980.

Reading Level: 1-8

Cost: \$239.00 per set

This series provides practice and reinforcement in 6 essential comprehension skill areas. The series consists of 42 books, with 7 books in each strand spanning grades 1-8. The books could be used for independent practice by the student as they are self-directing and self-correcting. Each booklet contains dozens of exercises which reinforce the specific skill being taught. Some of the subject matter in the books is not suitable for adults. The individual titles are:

Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details
Detecting Sequence of Events
Drawing Conclusions
Use of Context Clues
Following Directions
Critical Reading

Specific Skill Series: (Barnell Loft - Distributed by Pippin), 1976.

Reading Level: 1-6

Cost: \$2.70 U.S. per title.

This series was first published in 1962, and every public school seem to own a copy. The 1976 edition is reviewed here, but a more recent edition is now available. The elementary series consists of 54 booklets, with 9 skill booklets at each of the levels (1-6). The skill booklets at grades 1 and 2 are not recommended because the subject matter is more suitable for children. Each booklet is nonconsumable and contains dozens of exercises which focus on one specific comprehension skill. The booklets could be used for independent practice by the student once the skill has been taught. These booklets are also available at the secondary level (7-12). The individual titles are:

Using the Context
Getting the Main Idea
Drawing Conclusions
Following Directions
Identifying Inferences

Working with Sounds
Locating the Answer
Getting the Facts
Detecting the Sequence

SKILL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Steck-Vaughn Comprehension Skills: (Steck-Vaughn -
Distributed by Pippin), 1987.

Reading Level: Prep Level (2); Level 1 (3-4); Level 2 (5-6)

Cost: \$6.50 per title.

\$5.95 for teacher's guide.

This series consists of 15 booklets which stress 5 specific comprehension skills at three different readability levels. It is similar to the other specific skills series in that it contains dozens of exercises which focus on one specific skill. The individual titles are:

Conclusion

Sequence

Context

Main Idea

Facts

** This specific skill series would be chosen as the best one from among the three specific skills series which have been annotated.

SPELLING WORKBOOKS

A Prescriptive Spelling Program: (Barnell Loft - Distributed by Pippin), 1980.

Spelling Level: Stages II-III

Cost: \$54.95 for mini set of instructional books. This set contains 9 books (3 each of Levels One, Two, and Three).

This series consists of 3 workbooks, which vary in their degree of difficulty. The workbooks are primarily based on spelling rules and phonics. Some attention is paid to meaning units (prefixes and suffixes). Each workbook contains 16 lessons.

All Spelled Out: (Contemporary Books - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1986.

Spelling Level: Stages II-III

Cost: \$7.50 per title.

This series consists of 4 workbooks, ranging in spelling level from approximately grades 2-6. The first 2 books in the series, 'All Spelled Out A & B', emphasize one syllable words as well as longer words that are useful to the student in everyday applications. 'All Spelled Out C & D' are based on a list of 500 commonly misspelled words. The workbooks include the following types of instruction: phonics; rules and guidelines; mnemonic devices; spelling patterns; and meaning units (prefixes, suffixes).

Better Spelling - Fourteen Steps to Spelling Improvement: (D.C. Heath and Company), 1985.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$20.50

This paperback begins with a diagnostic spelling test. The remainder of the book concentrates on 14 spelling principles which are a combination of rules and mnemonics. One particularly good feature is that both inductive and deductive instruction is used throughout the book. The text emphasizes spelling words which are frequently used in everyday writing. In addition, the text lists 336 commonly misspelled words which are frequently used when writing.

SPELLING WORKBOOKS

Common Words: (Charles E. Merrill Publishing Co. -
Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1983.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: \$6.96 per title.

This series consists of two 142 page workbooks. Each workbook has 36 units which are similar in format. Within each unit, a list of 24 high-utility words is presented. The word lists are followed by exercises which focus on spelling and vocabulary development. The workbook is based on a combination of spelling approaches such as mnemonics, meaning units and syllabication.

Dr. Spello: (McGraw-Hill, Inc.), 1968.
Spelling Level: Stages I-III
Cost: \$7.15

This remedial workbook is 20 years old, yet it is still in demand. It provides a quick overview of spelling from grades 1 to 6. William Kottmeyer, the author, believes that phonics instruction is the key to spelling. The lessons move sequentially from consonant sounds, to long and short vowels, to digraphs, etc. This workbook is good for students requiring a quick review of already learned basics before moving into learning new spelling concepts.

Gateways to Correct Spelling: (Steck-Vaughn Company -
Distributed by Pippin), 1980.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: \$10.35

This workbook consists of 60 lessons, with each lesson introducing 12 new words for a total of 720 spelling words. According to the author, these 720 words cause four-fifths of the spelling errors made by persons beyond elementary school. This workbook emphasizes the visual memory study method as a means of learning how to spell.

SPELLING WORKBOOKS

Improving Your Spelling Skills: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1983.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$8.25

Teacher's guide is free with order.

This workbook uses a skill based approach to teach spelling. The lessons are primarily based on spelling rules involved in adding a prefix or a suffix to a word. As well, there are lessons on homophones, apostrophes, capitalization and using the dictionary. Opportunities for practice and review are built into this workbook.

Learning to Spell: (Gage Publishing Company), 1983.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$7.45

Ves Thomas and Carl Braun are the authors of this paperback. The book contains the following units: Understanding Your Subject; Methods for Learning to Spell; Using Spelling in Everyday Writing; and Learning the Core Words. The core word list is a listing of 1500 words most frequently used in writing. This book is a useful reference book.

Patterns in Spelling: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1990.

Spelling Level: Stage II

Cost: \$9.75 per title.

\$15.75 per teacher's edition



This is a new series that consists of 4 workbooks and 4 teacher's editions. The focus of instruction is word families. Each workbook is divided into approximately 22 lessons, with each lesson introducing 3 to 4 word families. Many of the exercises are very rote which means that very little, if any, learning will occur. Examples of rote exercises include those in which the student is asked to fill in missing letters, missing words or to add endings. The individual titles are:

- Book 1: Patterns with Short Vowels
- Book 2: Patterns with Long Vowels
- Book 3: Patterns with Consonant Blends and Digraphs
- Book 4: Patterns with Other Vowel Sounds

SPELLING WORKBOOKS

Programmed Spelling Demons: (Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1985.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$30.00 or \$22.50 for schools.

This manual provides intensive programed drills which allow students to work individually and at their own pace. The drills are based on phonics and spelling rules. This manual consists of 17 chapters, with each chapter stressing a specific skill or spelling rule. This book stresses words which are commonly misspelled.

Spell It Out: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1978.

Spelling Level: Stages II-III

Cost: \$12.95 per title.

This set of 4 workbooks is unique as spelling lessons are combined with reading selections. The passages are non-fiction and range in readability level from grades 3-7. Each workbook contains 20 units in which a short reading selection is followed by comprehension questions and spelling exercises. The spelling words introduced in each unit are everyday words which always have something in common such as a specific spelling pattern. These workbooks are very popular with tutors and students. The individual titles are:

Book 1 (grades 3-4)

Book 3 (grades 5-6)

Book 2 (grades 4-5)

Book 4 (grades 6-7)

The Spell of Words: (Educator's Publishing Service - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$8.80 for 1-5 copies.

\$6.60 for 6 or more copies.

\$5.05 for teacher's manual.

This is another workbook by Elsie T. Rak and the format is similar to the one used in Spellbound. This workbook is based on the Orton-Gillingham approach to language problems. The workbook covers spelling rules, phonograms, spelling patterns, and meaning units (suffixes and prefixes).

SPELLING WORKBOOKS

Spellbound: (Educator's Publishing - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$9.20 for 1-5 copies.

\$6.90 for 6 or more copies.

\$5.75 for teacher's manual.

This workbook, by Elsie T. Rak, is based on spelling rules and phonograms ranging from single letter units to prefixes and suffixes. Each unit is followed by oral and written exercises. The teacher's manual contains a variety of brief dictations for each of the spelling elements taught. This workbook has a high circulation rate.

Spelling the Easy Way: (Barron's Educational Series), 1982.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$13.95

This 310 page workbook concentrates on spelling rules and mnemonic devices. A 10,000 word spelling list is included in the book, but no mention is made as to how these words were selected. A unique feature of the book is the chapter on 'Help for Spanish Speaking Students'. The workbook also contains a 500 word list of commonly misspelled business terms.

Spelling Simplified: (Contemporary Books - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1983.

Spelling Level: Stage III

Cost: \$7.50

This paperback is part of a 'study aids' series published by Contemporary Books. The book uses a potpourri of approaches to teaching spelling. The chapters feature spelling patterns, meaning units (prefixes and suffixes), and sound-symbol associations. The book also has two interesting appendices: a directory of spelling demons; and a list of meanings for suffixes and prefixes.

SPELLING WORKBOOKS

Spelling Steps: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Pippin),
1984.

Spelling Level: Stages II-III

Cost: \$7.40 per title.

This series consists of 3 workbooks which span grades 3-8. Book 1 emphasizes consonants, vowels and variant sounds. Book 2 concentrates on consonant blends and digraphs and vowel patterns. Book 3 focuses on meaning units (prefixes and suffixes). The spelling words were drawn largely from the Kucera-Francis word list, which was developed from an analysis of adult reading materials. The individual titles are:

Part I (grades 3-4)

Part II (grades 4-6)

Part III (grades 6-8)

Target Spelling: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Pippin),
1985.

Spelling Level: Stages II-III

Cost: \$8.50 per title.

\$9.25 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 6 consumable workbooks which begin at a grade 1 spelling level and gradually increase in difficulty. Each workbook consists of 30 lessons, with 6-8 new words presented in each lesson. Homonyms and word patterns are generally the basis for the grouping of new words. The instructional activities include visual discrimination and spelling patterns. The workbooks also contain several word searches. Each workbook is accompanied by a teacher's guide. The individual titles are:

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Target 1260 (grades 6-7)

VOCABULARY WORKBOOKS

504 Absolutely Essential Words: (Barron's Educational Series, Inc.), 1984.

Reading Level: 5

Cost: \$9.95

This 140 page book contains 42 lessons, with each lesson teaching 12 new words. Each vocabulary word is defined and followed by 3 sentences which illustrate its use. Activities include cloze exercises, cartoon quizzes, and writing tasks.

Improving Your Vocabulary Skills: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1990.

Reading Level: 9

Cost: \$8.25 per title.

Teacher's guide free with order.



This workbook has a practical approach to vocabulary development. Rather than providing a vocabulary list of new words, students are provided with tools to unlock the meaning of new words. Students will learn how to build their vocabulary skills by using context clues and structural analysis (prefixes, suffixes and roots). This 93 page workbook contains 32 lessons, a summary and review, and mastery tests.

The Kim Marshall Series in Vocabulary: (Educators Publishing - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981.

Reading Level: 4-8

Cost: \$10.55 per title. (1-5 copies).

\$7.90 per title. (6 or more copies).

\$4.30 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 2 workbooks, with each workbook containing 18 units which concentrate on vocabulary development. Each unit introduces 25 words which are accompanied by a clear, short definition. Students are then requested to create sentences with the new words, to fill in the blanks of given sentences and to match words with their meanings. The 2 workbooks are similar in their degree of difficulty. A teacher's guide is available for each workbook. The individual titles are:

Vocabulary - Book 1

Vocabulary - Book 2

VOCABULARY WORKBOOKS

Survival Vocabulary: (Janus Book Publishers - Distributed by Pippin), 1978.

Reading Level: Below grade 3

Cost: \$5.93 per title.

This series consists of 10 text-workbooks, with each one focusing on a specific topic such as language used for 'banking' or for 'filling out forms'. Each workbook introduces 80 words or phrases, which are grouped according to concept. One shortcoming in these workbooks is that the exercises are of little value and consist of activities such as 'scrambled letters', etc. Nonetheless, these workbooks would be useful in programs which have a high enrollment of English as a Second Language students. The individual titles are:

Banking Language

Clothing Language

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Drugstore Language

Entertainment Language

Job Application Language

Medical Language

Restaurant Language

Supermarket Language

Vocabulary Boosters: (David S. Lake Publishers - Distributed by Fearon Education), 1985.

Reading Level: 4-6

Cost: \$11.95 U.S. per set.

Vocabulary Boosters is a set of two 42 page workbooks. Each workbook introduces 100 words. The exercises assist students in learning words through context clues, use of a dictionary, and study of meaning units (root, suffixes, prefixes). There are also activities involving parts of speech, use of a thesaurus and crossword puzzles.

VOCABULARY WORKBOOKS

Vocabulary Canada Series: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press),
1990-91.

Reading Level: 4-7

Cost \$10.95 per title.



The 6 titles in this series are an extension of Globe Modern's World of Vocabulary workbooks. The two series are identical in their format and number of lessons per workbook (20). A major attraction of this series is the Canadian content. Another positive feature is the quantity and quality of the photographs that accompany the text. The books are visually appealing, with lots of white space to break up the print. Unfortunately, the print is small. Some of the workbooks do not have a table of contents, making it difficult for readers to choose their reading selection. Each lesson introduces 10 vocabulary words that appear in a short reading selection. The passage is then followed by 4 pages of vocabulary exercises. Some of the exercises are not very meaningful and simply require the student to list the vocabulary words in alphabetical order. The individual titles in this series are:

Challenge of Vocabulary Canada	(grades 4-5)
Variety of Vocabulary Canada	(grades 4-5)
Wonder of Vocabulary Canada	(grades 4-5)
World of Vocabulary Canada	(grades 5-6)
The Spirit of Vocabulary Canada	(grade 7)
The Style of Vocabulary Canada	(grade 7)

VOCABULARY WORKBOOKS

Vocabulary Drills: (Jamestown Publishers - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1986.

Reading Level: 6-12

Cost: \$17.25 per title.

This 238 page paperback is available in two levels: intermediate and advanced. These books are based on two approaches to vocabulary development: the use of context clues and the study of meaning units. Each paperback contains 10 units, each of which is divided into 5 sections. Sections 1 & 3 contain a reading passage which is followed by exercises which focus on the use of context. The passages are mainly non-fiction and tend to have a high degree of American content. Sections 2 & 4 feature lessons that teach common Greek and Latin roots. The fifth section of each unit provides an extensive review. These books are sparsely illustrated. The individual titles are:

Vocabulary Drills - Middle Level (grades 6-8)

Vocabulary Drills - Advanced Level (grades 9-12)

World of Vocabulary: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1984.

Reading Level: 2-9

Cost: \$11.95 per title.

\$2.00 per teaching guide.

This series consists of 8 workbooks which range in reading level from grades 2-9. A positive feature is that vocabulary is taught in context. Each workbook features 20 lessons in which a non-fiction passage is followed by 4 pages of vocabulary exercises. Illustrations accompany each passage. The individual titles are:

Book A (grades 2-3)

Book 3 (grades 5-6)

Book B (grades 2-3)

Book 4 (grades 6-7)

Book 1 (grades 3-4)

Book 5 (grades 7-8)

Book 2 (grades 4-5)

Book 6 (grades 8-9)

Teaching Guide, Book A

Teaching Guide, Book B

Teaching Guide for Books 1-5

Teaching Guide for Book 6

VOCABULARY WORKBOOKS

Worldly Wise: (Educators Publishing Service - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1983.

Reading Level: 4-12

Cost: \$7.65 per title for Books 1-9 (1-5 copies).

\$5.75 per title for Books 1-9 (6 or more copies).

\$5.75 per title for Books A-C (1-5 copies).

\$4.30 per title for Books A-C (6 or more copies).

\$4.30 per teacher's guide for Books 1-9.

\$1.45 per teacher's key for Books A-C.

'Worldly Wise' consists of 12 workbooks which range in reading level from grades 3-12. Workbooks A-C are intended for students who are not yet ready for workbook 1. Workbooks 1-6 each contain 24 lessons, with each lesson introducing 12 new words. The first 6 workbooks in the series contain exercises which use the vocabulary words in context, deal with multiple meanings of words, and provide practise in using the words in sentences. A glossary is provided in the first 3 workbooks, but starting with the fourth workbook, the student must use a dictionary to obtain word meanings. Teaching guides are available for each workbook. The individual titles are:

Worldly Wise A (grade 3)	Book 4 (grade 7)
Worldly Wise B (grade 3)	Book 5 (grade 8)
Worldly Wise C (grade 3)	Book 6 (grade 9)
Book 1 (grade 4)	Book 7 (grade 10)
Book 2 (grade 5)	Book 8 (grade 11)
Book 3 (grade 6)	Book 9 (grade 12)

WRITING WORKBOOKS

Basic English Grammar: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1987.

Cost: \$8.25

Teacher's guide free with order.



This workbook has a dual purpose. It may be used by students as a grammar workbook and by educators to review the rules of grammar. The workbook examines the parts of speech (verbs, nouns, pronouns, conjunctions, adjectives, adverbs, and prepositions) and explains how the parts of speech are put together to form sentences. Basic English Grammar also contains two chapters on sentence patterns and diagramming sentence patterns.

The Communications Handbook: (Nelson Canada), 1982.

Cost: \$12.95



This handbook was based on a project initiated by the Strathcona County Board of Education in Alberta. The handbook is intended to be a resource manual for secondary students, but it is also appropriate for adults. The handbook concentrates primarily on written communication, with chapters on the writing process, research papers, editing, and writing letters. Students will also appreciate the short chapter on study skills.

Cursive Writing Program - Student Workbook: (Science Research Associates - SRA), 1980.

Cost: \$42.75 for package of five student workbooks.



Is the student you work with ready to make the transition from manuscript printing to cursive writing? This workbook provides 140 one-page lessons that enable the student to practice cursive writing. Students who have difficulty in letter formation will appreciate the opportunity to trace letters composed of dots. The illustrations in this book are childish. Nonetheless, the workbook has been well received by adult students.

WRITING WORKBOOKS

Grammar and Composition: (Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company - Distributed by Collier MacMillan), 1984.
Cost: \$9.15 per title.

This series includes three 172 page workbooks, with each consecutive workbook increasing in difficulty. The 5 units found in each workbook are: grammar, usage, mechanics, composition and words. The grammar unit covers everything from nouns and verbs to participial and appositive phrases. In the usage unit, students receive instruction in learning how to use pronouns, verb forms and modifiers correctly. The mechanics unit reviews punctuation and capitalization. Paragraph development and different kinds of writing are explored in the composition unit. Finally, the words unit focuses on vocabulary development. The individual titles are:

Book 1
Book 2
Book 3

I Wish I Could Write: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1978.
Cost: \$5.95

This 40 page booklet provides topics and suggestions for inspiring new writers. The author, Joan Barasovska, developed the lessons in her writing class for adult literacy students. Tutors/teachers and students will appreciate the ideas presented in this booklet.

Improving Your Punctuation Skills: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1983.
Cost: \$8.25

This 80 page workbook provides many skill building exercises for the student who needs to improve his/her punctuation skills. The 4 chapters include sentence punctuation, commas, semicolons and colons, and quotations. A summary and review is also built into this workbook, as are mastery tests.

WRITING WORKBOOKS

In Your Own Words: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1987.

Cost: \$6.00 per title.

This program consists of 2 workbooks entitled 'Sentence Skills' and 'Paragraph Competency'. Each workbook emphasizes specific writing skills as opposed to the writing process. 'Sentence Skills' provides exercises in constructing, varying, editing, combining and reducing sentences. 'Paragraph Competency' provides instruction and exercises in creating narrative, descriptive, persuasive and expository paragraphs. As well, there are units on writing business letters, reports, invitations and thank-you notes. The individual titles are:

Book 1 - Sentences

Book 2 - Paragraphs

The Kim Marshall Series in English: (Educators Publishing Service - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.

Cost: \$8.60 for Book A. (1-5 copies)

\$6.45 for Book A. (6 or more copies)

\$9.60 for Book B. (1-5 copies)

\$7.15 for Book B. (6 or more copies)

\$4.30 for teacher's manual (Book A).

\$5.05 for teacher's manual (Book B).

The 2 workbooks in this series adopt a skills based approach to writing. Book A reviews sentence structure, capitalization and punctuation. Book B concentrates mainly on grammatical conventions. These books lack a unifying thread and many of the skills are taught in isolation. The individual titles are:

English - Book A

English - Book B

WRITING WORKBOOKS

Language for Living: (Gage Publishing Company), 1981.
Cost: \$10.95 per title.

This series consists of four 93 page paperbacks which represent the following four distinct levels: threshold, basic, general, and advanced. In Book 1, charts and lists are emphasized as a means of expressing written information. Books 2, 3, & 4 are each divided into 3 units dealing with practical themes. Owning and operating a vehicle and finding a job are some of the themes. These books are well-written and could be used as resource books for the tutor/teacher or as supplements to writing assignments. Each book contains several graphics. The individual titles are:

Language for Living 1
Language for Living 2

Language for Living 3
Language for Living 4

Language Workshop - A Guide to Better English: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1984.

Cost: \$12.25

\$14.45 for annotated teacher's edition.

This 182 page text-workbook contains 33 lessons which stress the mechanical aspects of writing. Grammar, spelling and punctuation are the 3 skill areas covered in this workbook. The language and illustrations are aimed towards adolescent students.

Life Skills Writing: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1984.

Cost: \$8.25 per title.

Educational Design publishes 2 Life Skills Writing workbooks. The first one is 'Writing for the World of Work'. One shortcoming of this workbook is the American content which makes some units such as the completion of W-4 forms irrelevant for the Canadian student. The exercises include writing lists, memos, receipts, purchase orders etc. Rather than using this workbook, students could bring in 'real' examples of writing from their workplace. The second workbook is 'Life Skills Writing'. Students would probably find the sections on personal letters, letter formats and business letters quite useful. The individual titles are:

Life Skills Writing
Writing for the World of Work

WRITING WORKBOOKS

Practicing the Writing Process 1, The Paragraph:
(Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources),
1985.

Cost: \$8.25

Teacher's guide free with order.

This workbook has been popular among tutors and students. The following 4 writing stages are covered: pre-writing; writing; revising; and editing. The exercises involve students in writing descriptive paragraphs, book reports, personal letters and business letters. Recently, Educational Design published 'Practicing the Writing Process 2, The Essay,' and 'Practicing the Writing Process 3, Writing in the Content Areas.'

Put It In Writing: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1987.

Cost: \$6.25 per instructional text.

\$3.75 per workbook.

This series consists of 3 instructional paperbacks and 3 activity books which are correlated to the instructional texts. The series could best be described as a grammar-based composition program. Book 1 introduces verb tenses, subject and verb agreement, and various types of writing styles. Book 2 explores more complex grammar concepts such as using clauses and phrases. Book 2 also provides instruction in writing business reports. Book 3 delves into the writing process and examines various writing styles.

WRITING WORKBOOKS

The Reading Road to Writing: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1984.

Cost: \$7.50 per title.

\$2.95 for teacher's guide for the series.

This series consists of 6 workbooks which review grammar and usage. Each workbook contains 5 lessons in which a reading selection is followed by 4-5 pages of exercises which reinforce specific grammatical conventions through skill building exercises and writing tasks. The lessons also include clear explanations of grammatical topics using examples from the reading passage. The individual titles are:

- Book 1 - Sentences
- Book 2 - Verbs
- Book 3 - Adjectives and Adverbs
- Book 4 - Pronouns
- Book 5 - Words Often Confused
- Book 6 - Mechanics of Writing

The Write Stuff: (Contemporary Books - Distributed by Fitzhenry & Whiteside), 1986.

Cost: Prices vary. (See below for listing).

This series consists of 3 workbooks, 2 exercise books and an instructor's guide. The stages of the writing process are dealt with in 'Writing for a Purpose'. 'Putting It in Paragraphs' provides instruction in the development of topic sentences and supporting details. 'Shaping Sentences' is an excellent workbook which assists students to express their thoughts clearly through using techniques such as sentence expansion, development, and combining. The remaining 2 exercise books are 'Life Skills Writing' and 'Test and Essay Writing'. The 3 workbooks are highly recommended. The individual titles are:

Shaping Sentences	(\$8.95)
Putting it in Paragraphs	(\$8.95)
Writing for a Purpose	(\$8.95)
Life Skills Writing	(\$5.95)
Test and Essay Writing	(\$5.95)
Instructor's Guide	(\$8.50)

WRITING WORKBOOKS

The Writer's Toolbox: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1988.

Cost: \$8.25



This workbook attempts to provide students with tools for writing. The book provides breadth, but does not provide depth. This workbook introduces 18 skills that fall under the headings 'choosing the best word', 'sentence construction' and 'paragraph development.' Each skill is taught in isolation. This 95 page workbook does not contain any graphics.

Writing for a Reason: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by Globe Modern), 1986.

Cost: \$8.75 per set. Each set includes a workbook and practice book.

Writing for a Reason consists of 4 workbooks which are each accompanied by a 24 page practice book. The fifth workbook is accompanied by a 60 minute audio tape. The language and illustrations are appropriate for adolescents. The individual titles are:

- Book 1 - Sentences, Notes and Directions
- Book 2 - Invitations, Business Letters, Job Applications
- Book 3 - Paragraphs, Descriptions, Friendly Letter
- Book 4 - Narrative, Comparison, Persuasion, Reports
- Book 5 - Listen, Take Notes, Write

Writing to Others: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1978.

Cost: \$8.75

\$2.50 for teacher's guide.

This 48 page paperback examines various types of written communication. The 8 lessons provide instruction in writing business letters, job application letters, personal letters and invitations. This workbook also contains short-answer and discussion questions.

VIDEO PROGRAMS

Journeyworkers: (Produced by Alberta ACCESS & Manitoba Department of Education), 1987.

Cost: \$81.75 for Journeyworker package. Package includes five video programs, one tutor handbook and one workshop leader's guide.

Individual costs are as follows:

Duplication fee is \$12.50 per video program (plus tape cost).

\$10.00 per tutor handbook.

\$18.00 per workshop leader's guide.

There is also a \$5.00 flat rate handling charge.

Journeyworkers is a tutor training resource package which consists of 5 videotape programs, tutor handbooks and a workshop leader's guide. The program, which was written by Mary Norton, is based on the interactive reading process model. Program One, 'Learning and Teaching' contains 5 modules which portray tutor and student experiences, the stages of literacy and general approaches that support and encourage learning. Program Two, 'Learning from Experience', contains 8 modules which explore questioning strategies, assisted reading and writing, the writing process and using experience to read and write. Program Three, 'Making Sense of Words', is comprised of 6 modules which concentrate on strategies for spelling and for predicting and identifying words. Program Four, 'Making Sense of Content', is made up of 7 modules which focus on strategies for comprehending text. Program Five, 'I Just Want to Learn More', is an 18 minute module intended for general public education about adult literacy issues. The tutors handbook, which is correlated with the video programs, includes an orientation to reading/writing theory as well as reading, writing and spelling strategies. The workshop leader's guide includes duplicating masters for workshop handouts and overhead transparencies. The entire resource package is very flexible and could be used in a variety of ways by tutor coordinators and tutors.

VIDEO PROGRAMS

Safer Than a Sock: (Alberta ACCESS), 1980.

Cost: \$12.50 for duplication (plus tape cost and handling charge).

This 30 minute production dramatizes a chapter in the life of 32 year old Frank Pritchard. The program portrays how Frank has developed coping strategies to deal with his illiteracy.

The Video Tutor: (Onward Learning Systems), 1990.

Cost: \$129.95 for Video Tutor Package.

The package includes one video tape, three audio cassettes, an individual workbook, a tutor guide, and a storage case. According to Onward Learning Systems (OWL), the Video Tutor is a "self-directed package aimed at adults whose current reading and writing skills are around the grade two to grade five level." This package is not recommended for several reasons. First, although the audio and video tapes enable the student to use the workbook without the assistance of an instructor, many students do not have access to video and audio equipment. Secondly, the program does not provide any word identification or comprehension strategies. The workbook exercises and accompanying audio tapes are meaningless and consist of 'fill in the blank' tasks. Thirdly, the video is amateurish and annoying. For instance, in one skit, the actors/actresses who were cast as parents were the same age as the actors/actresses who were cast as children. Finally, the style and content of the narrator's presentation is very patronizing.



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W5 Questions W5 refers to question that begin with the following words: what, who, when, where and why.

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Structural Analysis This word identification method involves the recognition of words by large, meaningful units such as roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

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